



## Las heridas del amigo

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### Proverbs 27:5–6 (RVR60)

<sup>5</sup> *Mejor es reprensión manifiesta*

*Que amor oculto.*

<sup>6</sup> *Fieles son las heridas del que ama;*

*Pero importunos los besos del que aborrece.*

One of the greatest treasures we can have in life is a true friend. Those who can say they have true friends are blessed indeed. Eleanor Roosevelt once said, “Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.” Unfortunately, we sometimes assume that someone is our friend only to discover that he or she is not really our friend at all. Some of the most bitter of experiences in life involve the betrayal of a friend. King David felt the pain of betrayal when he recounted, “*Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.*”

### Psalm 41:9 (RVR60)

<sup>9</sup> *Aun el hombre de mi paz, en quien yo confiaba, el que de mi pan comía,*

*Alzó contra mí el calcañar.*

Many mistake friends for so-called “buddies” who revel with us in the sinful passions and desires of this world. They are our sidekicks as we live life on the “wild side.” They are our comrades in sin. However, these types of friends do not have the capacity to help us live meaningful and godly lives. False friends abandon us when the consequences of our sin catch up with us. Repentant souls discover that once they determine to walk in the ways of God, these “friends” attempt to draw them back into sin. If they refuse, then they scoff and walk away. As Job discovered, in times of great affliction our “fair weather” friends abandon us.

### Job 19:4 (RVR60)

<sup>4</sup> *Aun siendo verdad que yo haya errado,*

*Sobre mí recaería mi error.*

### Job 19:19 (RVR60)

<sup>19</sup> *Todos mis íntimos amigos me aborrecieron,*

*Y los que yo amaba se volvieron contra mí.*

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David recalled during a time of affliction in his life, *“My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague, and my relatives stand afar off.”*

**Psalm 38:11 (RVR60)**

<sup>11</sup> *Mis amigos y mis compañeros se mantienen lejos de mi plaga,  
Y mis cercanos se han alejado.*

Worldly friends have no hope or help to offer us. The inability to deal with real life issues causes them to back away. We are left feeling disillusioned and abandoned.

Aún más, debemos esperar que los llamados amigos, aquellos que llamábamos o se llamaban nuestros amigos, se vayan apartando de ti a la vez que te vas haciendo más amigo de Dios.

¿Por qué?

**Amos 3:3 (RVR60)**

<sup>3</sup> *¿Andarán dos juntos, si no estuvieren de acuerdo?*

**Matthew 6:24 (RVR60)**

<sup>24</sup> *Ninguno puede servir a dos señores; porque o aborrecerá al uno y amará al otro, o estimará al uno y menospreciará al otro. No podéis servir a Dios y a las riquezas.*

**John 6:66–69 (RVR60)**

<sup>66</sup> *Desde entonces muchos de sus discípulos volvieron atrás, y ya no andaban con él.* <sup>67</sup> *Dijo entonces Jesús a los doce: ¿Queréis acaso irnos también vosotros?* <sup>68</sup> *Le respondió Simón Pedro: Señor, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna.* <sup>69</sup> *Y nosotros hemos creído y conocemos que tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo del Dios viviente.*

God wants to give us friends---true friends. What is a true friend? A true friend is a godly friend. They do not rejoice when we involve ourselves in destructive behavior but when we embrace and follow God’s truth.

**1 Corinthians 13:6 (RVR60)**

<sup>6</sup> *no se goza de la injusticia, mas se goza de la verdad.*

A true friend loves at all times.

**Proverbs 17:17 (RVR60)**

<sup>17</sup> *En todo tiempo ama el amigo,  
Y es como un hermano en tiempo de angustia.*

They are committed to the relationship whether it is in sickness or in health, in riches or in lack, and in success or in failure. A true friend will stay with us even when our family walks away.

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**Proverbs 18:24 (RVR60)**

<sup>24</sup> *El hombre que tiene amigos ha de mostrarse amigo;  
Y amigo hay más unido que un hermano.*

A true friend will tell us the truth even if it hurts. A false friend will flatter us in order to *pretend* to be our friend. The Mexican General Obregón once said, "Do not be afraid of enemies who attack you. Be afraid of the friends who flatter you." Judas turned out to be a false friend. He betrayed Jesus with a kiss of friendship.

**Matthew 26:49 (RVR60)**

<sup>49</sup> *Y en seguida se acercó a Jesús y dijo: ¡Salve, Maestro! Y le besó.*

Listen to this instruction: "*The righteous should choose his friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray.*"

**Proverbs 12:26 (RVR60)**

<sup>26</sup> *El justo sirve de guía a su prójimo;  
Mas el camino de los impíos les hace errar.*

*The apostle Paul was clearly a man committed to raising up a band of special friends. He knew who they were, and he regularly recognized them for their contribution to his spiritual passion. His friends were a resource upon which he obviously depended and without which he would not have survived.*

*His address book of special friends would have included Aquila and Priscilla, with whom he occasionally worked and lived (see Acts 18:3), Onesiphorus ("for he oft refreshed me", 2 Tim. 1:16), Philemon ("I have derived much joy and comfort from your love" Philem. 1:7), Luke, and a host of others. Paul's friends came in all ages and backgrounds and he seems to have taken great care to cultivate them.\*<sup>1</sup>*

**Acts 18:3 (RVR60)**

<sup>3</sup> *y como era del mismo oficio, se quedó con ellos, y trabajaban juntos, pues el oficio de ellos era hacer tiendas.*

**2 Timothy 1:16 (RVR60)**

<sup>16</sup> *Tenga el Señor misericordia de la casa de Onesíforo, porque muchas veces me confortó, y no se avergonzó de mis cadenas,*

**Philemon 7 (RVR60)**

<sup>7</sup> *Pues tenemos gran gozo y consolación en tu amor, porque por ti, oh hermano, han sido confortados los corazones de los santos.*

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<sup>1</sup> Morgan, R. J. (2000). *Nelson's complete book of stories, illustrations, and quotes* (electronic ed.) (326). Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

The wise will choose friends who will risk losing the friendship to tell them what they *need* to hear rather than what they *want* to hear. Solomon declared, *“It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise than for a man to hear the song of fools.”*

**Ecclesiastes 7:5 (RVR60)**

<sup>5</sup>*Mejor es oír la repreñión del sabio que la canción de los necios.*

The rebuke of the wise is better than the song of fools. The tough love of a friend is better than the flattery of a hypocrite. The wounds of a friend are better than the kisses of an enemy.

Application: Do you have real friends in your life? Are there people who are willing to speak the truth to you in love? Are there people who are willing to risk losing the relationship in order to help you live for God and do what is right? Are there people who are willing to hold you accountable with your life? These are the true friends that you can count on in the cold days of adversity when the other fair weather friends have flown south. Have you made a point to embrace them as your true friends? If you do, you will be among the wise.

**John 15:13–15 (RVR60)**

<sup>13</sup>*Nadie tiene mayor amor que este, que uno ponga su vida por sus amigos.* <sup>14</sup>*Vosotros sois mis amigos, si hacéis lo que yo os mando.* <sup>15</sup>*Ya no os llamaré siervos, porque el siervo no sabe lo que hace su señor; pero os he llamado amigos, porque todas las cosas que oí de mi Padre, os las he dado a conocer.*

Prayer: *“Heavenly Father, thank You for friends who will speak the truth to me in love. Thank You for friends who will rebuke me when I need it. Help me to embrace true and godly friends in my life. Teach me to value the wounds of a true friend above the flattery of hypocrites. I ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.”*