

## Companionship

Luke 12:13-21  
Ecclesiastes 4:8-12

## Our Associations Influence Our Attitude

- 1) Negative Influence
  - Ecclesiastes 7:3-6
    - Do they teach us to be wise or to indulge in foolishness and vanities?
  - Ecclesiastes 7:23-26
    - Can snare us in deceit; cause misery
    - Proverbs 16:27-30; 17:9
  - 1 Corinthians 15:33; 1 Kings 12:8-9; Ecclesiastes 10:16-19; 10:1 (Ecclesiastes 11:9-10); Proverbs 22:24-25; 23:19-21

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- Virtuous Friendships Yield Benefit
  - Sharing our Load | (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10) 2 Corinthians 6:14
  - Support | (Ecclesiastes 4:10) Galatians 6:1-2
  - Compassion | (Ecclesiastes 4:11) Proverbs 18:1; 18:24; 17:17
    - Ruth 1:16-17; 1 Samuel 20:41-42
    - 1 John 4:7-11; James 5:16
  - Strength | (Ecclesiastes 4:12) Proverbs 27:17

## Marriage

- Ecclesiastes 9:4-9
  - Proverbs 18:22 – Decide Wisely
    - Proverbs 18:19; 27:15-16; 25:24; 21:19; 21:9
  - Nabal and Abigail – 1 Samuel 25:3ff
  - Proverbs 12:4 (Proverbs 31:10-31)
    - 1 Timothy 3:11

## Jesus – Love of a Friend

- John 15:12-15 – Disciples were called Jesus' friends
  - All motivated by love.
    - 1 John 4:17; 5:18; 5:19; 5:20
  - Would you be a disciple of Jesus?
    - Galatians 3:26-27

## Remember Our Influence

- Ephesians 4:29-5:11
  - Ephesians 4:29-31; 5:3-5
  - Ephesians 4:32-5:2