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Friends and Our Heart

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Proverbs 27:9-17 ⁹Oil and incense bring joy to the heart, and the sweetness of a friend is counsel to the soul. ¹⁰Do not forsake your friend or your father's friend, and do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity; better a neighbor nearby than a brother far away. ¹¹Be wise, my son, and bring joy to my heart, so that I can answer him who taunts me. ¹²The prudent see danger and take cover; but the simple keep going and pay the penalty. ¹³Take the garment of him who posts security for a stranger; get collateral if it is for a foreigner. ¹⁴If one blesses his neighbor with a loud voice early in the morning, it will be counted to him as a curse. ¹⁵A constant dripping on a rainy day and a contentious woman are alike— ¹⁶restraining her is like holding back the wind or grasping oil with one's right hand. ¹⁷As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. There are healthy strategies to _____ your inner self. V. 9-10 Some of these are a healthy environment and good friends.
- B. _____ is a great support to one's heart and soul. V. 11
- C. We must be _____ of our situation and show common sense. V. 12
- D. We must be _____ in our financial dealings. It is important that we do not cave to _____ compassion. V. 13
- E. We must be aware of how we are coming across to _____. We may not be communicating what we are intending to communicate. V. 14
- F. We must choose our friends _____. People who love to cause _____ are hard to deal with. V. 15-16
- G. A good friend will _____ you and make you a better person. V. 17

II. Let's pray through each point.