

# Proverbs - Friends and Family

Opening remarks

Introduction

The Kraemers and the Millers

The Friendship Pyramid

## I. Starting A New Friendship

Some questions to ask

1. Do you have room for more friends in your life?
2. What kind of a person are they?
3. What is your motivation for the friendship?

## II. Responsibilities to our friends

1. Don't tear each other down
2. Build each other up
3. Faithfulness matters
3. Be very careful what you say and share about other people
4. Consider the emotional state of others

## III. So What?

1. Mercy Mercy Mercy
  - A. Mercy needs to grow
  - B. Some situations demand an extra dose of mercy
2. Gauge your friendships
3. What about Jesus?

Concluding Statement