

# *Friendships*

**Declarations:** Thank you Lord for the people I have in my life. Thank you like iron sharpening iron, you are making us better by being in company with each other. Thank you for words of wisdom to give when they are in a tough spot and that you would be able to use them to help me when I'm struggling.

And even when we're at odds, thank you for wisdom and patience to deescalate the situation and get back to living the abundant life you have promised us. Today I will enjoy those around me and make an effort to learn from those I'm spending time with.

Amen

**2 Thessalonians 3:16** "May the Master of Peace himself give you the gift of getting along with each other at all times, in all ways. May the Master be truly among you!"

**Proverbs 27:17** "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

**1 Thessalonians 5:11** "So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind. I know you're already doing this; just keep on doing it."

**Proverbs 15:1** "A soft *and* gentle *and* thoughtful answer turns away wrath, But harsh *and* painful *and* careless words stir up anger."

**Proverbs 25:11-15** "The right word at the right time is like a custom-made piece of jewelry, And a wise friend's timely reprimand is like a gold ring slipped on your finger. Reliable friends who do what they say are like cool drinks in sweltering heat—refreshing! Like billowing clouds that bring no rain is the person who talks big but never produces. Patient persistence pierces through indifference; gentle speech breaks down rigid defenses."