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**“Understanding the Keys to Building Great Relationships” (Pt. 2)**  
**Various Proverbs**  
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**I. Cherish Good Relationships**

- A. Satisfaction *“Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a fattened ox with hatred.”* (15:17)
- B. Comfort *“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a difficult time.”* (17:17)
- C. Security *“A man with many friends may be harmed, but there is a friend who stays closer than a brother.”* (18:24)
- D. Wise Counsel *“Oil and incense bring joy to the heart, and the sweetness of a friend is better than self-counsel.”* (27:9) Ecclesiastes 4:9 ff. says that *“two are better than one”* due to mutual support *“woe to him that is alone.”* *“the wounds of a friend are trustworthy.”* (27:6)

**II. Choose Associates Carefully**

- A. Associating with the Wise *“The one who walks with the wise will become wise, but a companion of fools will suffer harm.”* (13:20)
- B. Associating with the Faithful *“Don’t those who plan evil go astray? But those who plan good find loyalty and faithfulness.”* (14:22)

**III. Cultivate Patience (14:17, 29; 15:18; 16:32; 19:11)**

**A. Problems of the Impatient**

1. Acts Foolish *“A quick-tempered man acts foolishly, and a man who schemes is hated.”* (14:17)
2. Promotes Foolishness *“A patient person shows great understanding, but a quick-tempered one promotes foolishness.”* (14:29)

3. Stirs up Conflict ***“A hot-tempered man stirs up conflict, but a man slow to anger calms strife.”*** (15:18)

#### **B. Benefits of Patience**

1. Anger Management ***“Patience is better than power, and controlling one’s temper, than capturing a city.”*** (16:32) ***“Controlling one’s temper”*** is a sign of trusting God.
2. Bearing With One Another ***“A person’s insight gives him patience, and his virtue is to overlook an offense.”*** (19:11)

#### **IV. Communicate Loyalty and Love** (3:3-4; 16:6; 20:6; 10:12; 11:17; 15:17; 17:17; 18:24; 27:9)

- A. Admiration ***“Never let loyalty and faithfulness leave you. Tie them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will find favor and high regard in the sight of God and man.”*** (3:3-4)
- B. Atoning Attitudes ***“Wickedness is atoned for by loyalty and faithfulness, and one turns from evil by the fear of the Lord.”*** (16:6) ***“Hatred stirs up conflicts, but love covers all offenses.”*** (10:12)
- C. Actions Speak Louder than Words ***“Many a man proclaims his own loyalty, but who can find a trustworthy man?”*** (20:6) ***“A kind man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings disaster on himself.”*** (11:17)

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