

TEXT: PROVERBS 14:7

TITLE: Who Are Your Friends?

→ **Great Method to Reading Proverbs:**

Read the chapter matching the day of the month. In a month's time, we would work our way through the book, as 7/12 months have 31 days and Proverbs has 31 chapters.

→ **Questions to Ponder:**

- "Who are your friends?"
- "Who are the friends who shape your thinking?"
- "Who are those in whom you confide?"

→ **New Testament background principles:**

→ **1 Corinthians 5:6—a little sin affects a lot of people.** (Leaven = yeast, works its way through the whole batch of dough!) The whole Corinthian Church was affected by the gross sin of one member.

→ **1 Corinthians 15:33—evil company defiles good ethics.**

→ **Now, consider this from Proverbs:**

→ **Proverbs 12:26—wise choices in friendships are vital!**

→ **Proverbs 13:20—wisdom chooses wise friends!**

*** **Wise believers will avoid certain bad influences:**

1. A F_____ Person

→ **Proverbs 14:7**

A. In him/her there is no k_____

B. In him there is no w_____ speech

C. In him/her there is a mockery of s_____—v. 9

D. From him/her one should "g____"

→ **What are markers of folly in people?**

The Hebrew word **cesiyi (ל'סִי)** means "stupid fellow, dullard, fool" and it occurs 49 times in the book of Proverbs.

QUICK GUIDE TO "F_____" IN PROVERBS	
1:22	Hates knowledge
1:32	Has careless security
3:35	Demonstrates disgrace
8:5	Needs understanding heart
10:1	Grief to mother
10:18	Slanders
10:23	Makes sport of evil
12:23	Proclaims foolishness
13:16	Lays open folly
13:19	Despises departing from evil
13:20	Faces destruction
14:7	Should go from him—no knowledge in him
14:8	Folly is deceit
14:16	Rages and is self-confident
14:24	Foolishness is folly
14:33	Heart content will come out
15:2	Pours forth foolishness
15:7	Does not disperse knowledge

15:14	Feeds on foolishness
15:20	Despises his mother
17:10	Hard headed
17:12	Better to meet a bear robbed of cubs
17:16	No heart for wisdom
17:21	His father has no joy
17:24	Empty gaze into space
17:25	Grief & bitterness to parents
18:2	No desire in understanding—his opinions rule
18:6	Causes contention & blows
18:7	Mouth causes destruction & snare
19:1	Perverse in lips
19:10	Not fit for luxury
19:13	Ruins father
19:29	Deserves beatings
21:20	Squanders wealth
23:9	Despises wise words
26:1	Honor not fitting for fool
26:3	Deserves rod to the back
26:4	Watch how you respond to him
26:5	Answer so fool won't be wise
26:6	Can't be depended on
26:7	Words not to be trusted
26:8	Nonsensical to give honor to him
26:9	No place for wisdom
26:10	Wounds with words
26:11	Repeats his foolish actions
26:12	Like the "wise in his own eyes" man
28:26	Trusts in his own heart
29:11	"Spills his guts"
29:20	Hasty with words

APPLICATION: