

“If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you”

Matthew 18:8

“He is not saying this about human limbs. Far from it. This is said about friends, about relatives, whom we regard in the rank of necessary limbs. For nothing is so harmful as bad company”

*St. John Chrysostom*

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good friend?**

# **1. The one who introduces me to God by his life and prayers**

- Ex: The four men carrying their paralytic friend to the Lord

## **2. The one who loves at all time, but especially in the time of my affliction**

“A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity”

*Proverbs 17:17*

“There is a friend who is companion at table, but will not stand by you in your day of trouble”

*Wisdom of Sirach 6:10*

### **3. The one who gives me an honest counsel**

“Faithful are the wounds of a friend,  
But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful”

*Proverbs 27:6*

“Let those who live at peace with you be  
many, but let your counselors be one in a  
thousand”

*Wisdom of Sirach 6:6*

# 4. The one whom you can trust with your secrets

“There is also a friend who changes into an enemy and will reveal a quarrel to your disgrace”

*Wisdom of Sirach 6:9*

**5. The one who respects  
the boundaries of others**



# 6. The one who fears the Lord as you also do

“He who fears the Lord guides his friendship rightly, because as he is, so also is his neighbor”

*Wisdom of Sirach 6:17*

# 7. The one who has been tested over the years

“Do not forsake your own friend or your father’s friend ”

*Proverbs 27:10*

“A faithful friend is a medicine of  
life, and those who fear the Lord  
will find him”

*Wisdom of Sirach 6:16*

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