



## “Know Thine (FR)Enemy”

Series: “LIFE-GIVING RELATIONSHIPS”, Part 5 of 6

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Text: Selected Scripture

### **Enemy vs. frenemy**

Openly diss you/mistreat you vs. Might say nice things & appear to be supportive

Typically not in your group vs. oftentimes connected with your circle of friends

You can't stand being around them vs. You might enjoy hanging out with them

Easily to spot vs. difficult to identify

**Frenemy: A person who pretends to be your friend but is in fact an enemy**

### **I. Frenemies flatter**

Proverbs 26:28 (ESV), “A lying tongue hates its victims, and a flattering mouth works ruin.”

Proverbs 27:6b (ESV), “...profuse are the kisses of an enemy.”

Psalms 55:20-21 (ESV), “My companion stretched out his hand against his friends; he violated his covenant. His speech was smooth as butter, yet war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords.”

1 John 3:18 (ESV), “Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”

Matthew 15:8 (NLT), “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”

### **II. Frenemies greenlight your self-destructive plans**

Proverbs 29:5 (English Standard Version), “A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.”

Proverbs 11:14 (ESV), “Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.”

Proverbs 27:5 (ESV), "Better is open rebuke than hidden love."

Proverbs 27:6 (ESV), "Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy."

### **III. Frenemies view you as a rental**

Proverbs 17:17 (NLT), "A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need."

Proverbs 28:23 (ESV), "Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than he who flatters with his tongue."

John 10:11-14 (NLT), "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep."

John 10:11-14 (NLT), "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me,

John 15:13 (NLT), "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."