



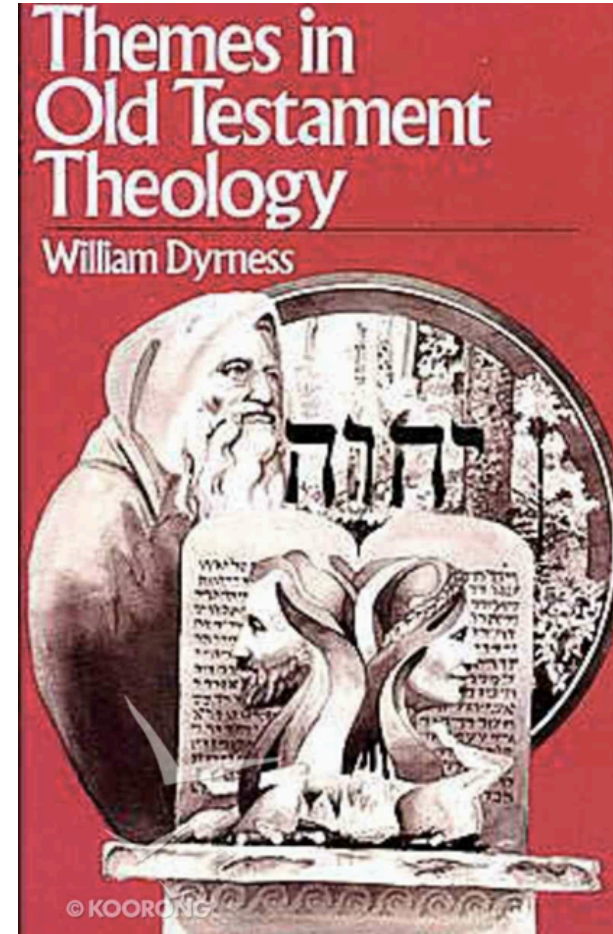
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NEW RELATIONSHIPS

William Dyrness

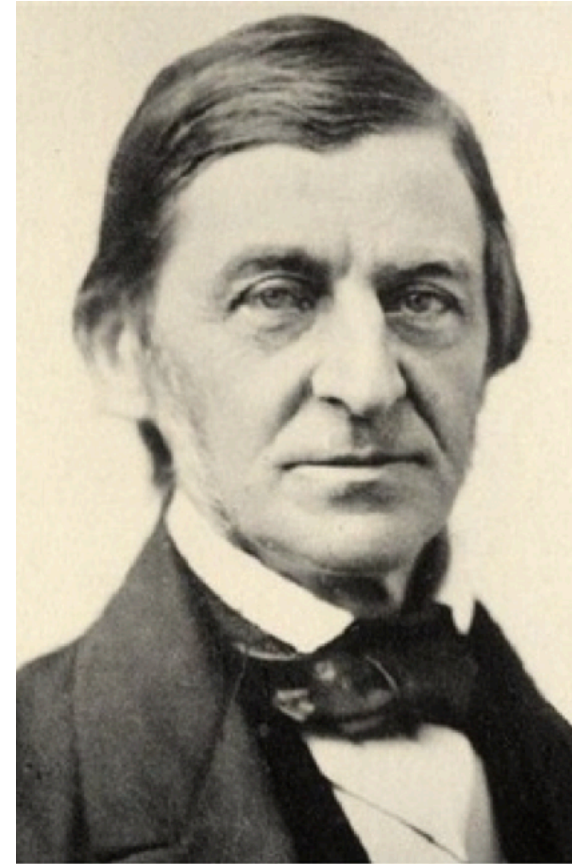
Wisdom - ‘the intensely practical art of being skilful and successful in life. It is the life of worship extended to the home and the marketplace.’



Friendship

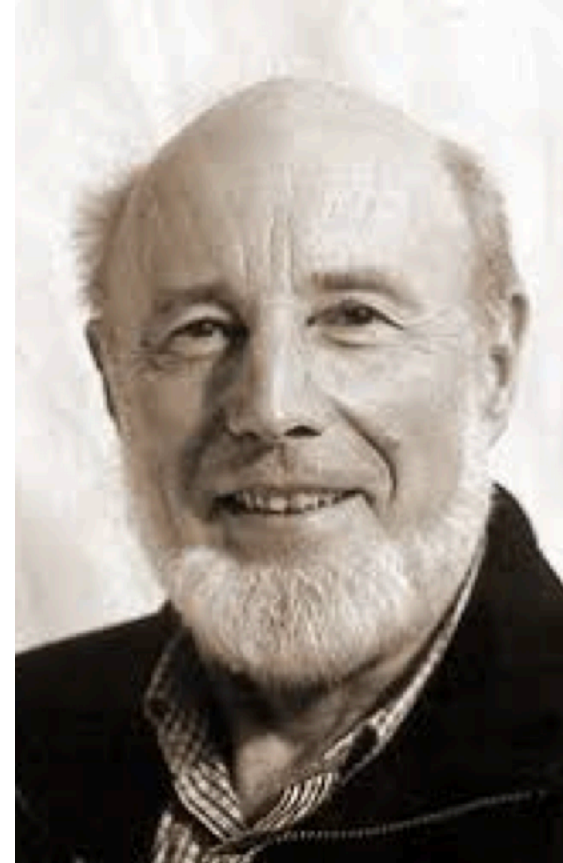
Ralph Waldo Emerson

'A friend may well be the masterpiece of nature.'



Paul Stevens

Friendship - 'the intimate, lifelong relationship in which persons are enjoyed simply for who they are and not what they can do for us'



To have friends, one must be a friend

How do we cultivate relationships by becoming a better friend?

- Being Faithful

Proverbs 17:17

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

Proverbs 18:24

“One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin,
But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother”

Proverbs 19:4

“Wealth attracts many friends, but even the closest friends of the poor desert them.”

Proverbs 19:6

“Many curry favour with a ruler, and everyone is the friend of one who gives gifts.”

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Proverbs 27:6

“Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses”

Proverbs 27:9

“Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart,
And the pleasantness of a friend springs from their
heartfelt advice.”

Proverbs 27:17

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

Proverbs 25:20

“Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day,
or like vinegar poured on a wound,
is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.”

Romans 12:15

“Rejoice with those who rejoice;
Mourn with those who mourn.”

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Proverbs 17:9

“Whoever would foster love covers over an offence, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.”

John 15:13

“Greater love has no one than this:
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

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