

Key Scripture

Proverbs 18:24 NLT

There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.

Reprove: To criticize or correct, especially gently.

Nathan the Reprover

2 Samuel 12:1-7 NLT

So the Lord sent Nathan the prophet to tell David this story:

"There were two men in a certain town. One was rich, and one was poor. 2 The rich man owned a great many sheep and cattle. 3 The poor man owned nothing but one little lamb he had bought. He raised that little lamb, and it grew up with his children. It ate from the man's own plate and drank from his cup. He cuddled it in his arms like a baby daughter. 4 One day a guest arrived at the home of the rich man. But instead of killing an animal from his own flock or herd, he took the poor man's lamb and killed it and prepared it for his guest." 5 David was furious. "As surely as the Lord lives," he vowed, "any man who would do such a thing deserves to die! 6 He must repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole and for having no pity." 7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are that man!"

Reprovers...

✓ **Administer reprove only according to the Word of God.**

Psalm 50:16-18 Message

16 God calls up the wicked:

"What are you up to, quoting my laws, talking like we are good friends?

17 You never answer the door when I call; you treat my words like garbage.

18 If you find a thief, you make him your buddy; adulterers are your friends of choice.

✓ **Use wisdom, thoughtfulness and are led by the Holy Spirit.**

a. **The Right Time**

Proverbs 25:11-12 NIV

11 The right word at the right time is like golden apples in silver jewelry.

12 A wise person's warning to a listening ear is like a gold earring or jewelry made of fine gold.

b. **The Right Company**

Matthew 18:15 NIV

If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you...

1 Timothy 5:20 NIV

Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning.

c. **The Right Heart**

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You've Got A Friend In Me

Reprover

Take Heed and Find a Reprover!

1. **Seek to be where God wants you to be!**

2 Samuel 11:1 NLT

In the spring of the year, when kings normally go out to war, David sent Joab and the Israelite army to fight the Ammonites. They destroyed the Ammonite army and laid siege to the city of Rabbah. However, David stayed behind in Jerusalem.

2. **Guard your eyes!**

2 Samuel 11:2 NLT

Late one afternoon, after his midday rest, David got out of bed and was walking on the roof of the palace. As he looked out over the city, he noticed a woman of unusual beauty taking a bath.

3. **Listen to the reprover in your life even when it hurts.**

2 Samuel 12:7-9 NLT

7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are that man!" The Lord, the God of Israel, says: I anointed you king of Israel and saved you from the power of Saul.

8 I gave you your master's house and his wives and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah.

And if that had not been enough, I would have given you much, much more.

9 Why, then, have you despised the word of the Lord and done this horrible deed?...

Proverbs 27:6 NKJV

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

4. **Own up to the truth and expose the sin!**

2 Samuel 12:9 NLT

Then David confessed to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

- Confess** – Admit your sins to God, yourself and others.
- Renounce** – Turn from sin. Change your mind. Take back your life.
- Proclaim** – The enemy has no permission to live with you.
Jesus is the Lord of your life!

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