

11. Sirach 6:5-17 OT

A reading from the Book of Sirach

When one finds a faithful friend, His value is far beyond gold.
He is clothed with strength and dignity, And he laughs at the days to come.
A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; He who finds one finds a treasure. A faithful
friend is beyond price, No sum can balance his worth.
Let your acquaintances be many,
But one in a thousand your faithful friend.
For he who loves his friends behaves accordingly, And his friends will be like
himself.

The Word of the Lord