Hazrat Ali said to his son Hasan,

"My son, remember four things from me, and four more;
you will come to no harm as long as you act in accord with them:

"The richest of riches is intelligence, and the greatest poverty is stupidity.
The loneliest isolation is conceit, and the most noble value is goodness of character.
My son, do not befriend a fool, for he hurts you when he wants to help you.
And do not befriend a stingy man, for he will distance himself from you when he is most needed.
And do not befriend a profligate, as he will sell you for a trifle.
And do not befriend a liar, for he is like a mirage,
making the distant seem near to you and the near seem distant."

-- Hazrat Ali

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