

## 6 Principals to Avoiding negative People

- Bad company will corrupt **good character**. Gold will tarnish in the wrong environment, just like your character. The longer you spend with individuals of poor character it will eventually rub off.

**1 Corinthian 15:33** Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”

- Bad company will **pollute** righteousness over time, just like a pure glass of water tainted by red food coloring. It is very difficult to filter back what you once had.

**Proverbs 25:26** Like a muddied spring or a polluted well are the righteous who give way to the wicked.

- All company and relationships must be **tested**. Don't assume all people are working in your favor. It is important that God be your standard in any conversation and purpose with all individuals you come in contact with.

**1 John 4:1** Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

- Unbelievers and believers don't **mix** unless you have a purpose to bring them to the light through the Word of God. Oil and water will never mix. If you remain pure to your faith and belief you can expect friction in this world if you don't bow down.

**2 Corinthians 6:14** Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

- Pay attention to the **character** of the individuals you spend time with. Remember you can be guilty by association.

**1 Corinthians 5:11** But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.

- Be careful to listen, if it is empty **speech** you are probably wasting your time.

**Proverbs 14:7** Stay away from a fool, for you will not find knowledge on their lips.