

**S.O.H.L.** (11/2/09)

**WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS**

*Pronounced "Soul"*

## **The Company You Keep**

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:33** NASB – (33) Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

It is better to be alone, than in the wrong company. (Then again, if we have a relationship with God, we are not alone). Tell God who your best friends are, and He will show you who you are. If we run with wolves, we will learn how to howl, but, if we associate with Eagles, we will learn how to soar to great heights. A mirror reflects a person's face, but who we really are is shown by the kind of friends we choose. A simple but true fact of life is that we become like those with whom we closely associate with for the good and the bad. Any time we tolerate mediocrity in others, it increases our mediocrity. An important attribute in successful people is their impatience with negative people.

As we grow, our associates will change. Some of our friends will not want us to advance. They will want us to continue being dormant with them. Friends that don't help us climb will want us to continue crawling. Some of our friends will stretch our vision or choke our dreams. Those that don't increase us, will eventually decrease us.

Never receive counsel from unproductive people. We should never discuss our problems with someone incapable of contributing to the solution because those who never succeed are always first to tell us how. Not everyone has a right to speak into our life. We are certain to get the worst of the bargain when we exchange ideas with the wrong people. Don't follow anyone who's not going anywhere. With some people we spend an evening, with others we invest in it. We have to be careful where we stop to inquire for directions along the road of life. Wise is the person who fortifies his life with the right friendships.

My brothers and sisters, the best friend one can inquire is Christ and only those who talk, live and speak like Him.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

ROMANS 12:9-21

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Beware, a little sin grows up fast.

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