



“What You Hang Around...” Mar 11, 2026

I. ***I Corinthians 15:33-34***

A. “Don’t be deceived...”

1. The deception is this:

- *“I am strong enough to be able to handle myself when I am hanging around the wrong crowd.”*
- *“I need to be a witness to them. Who else will minister to them?”*

2. “Bad company corrupts good morals.”

- The communication is the key; it’s not necessarily what you say, but what they say...and what they do. (Influence is key).
- Jesus said in **Mark 4:24** “Take heed what you hear....” and **Matthew 12:34** “out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks...”
- People like to pass blame on Adam & Eve.... The truth is we all would have fallen had we been in the same place (This was the first place that bad company corrupted their knowledge and it all began when they listened to what was being said!)

B. ***Proverbs 13:20***

1. If you want to be wise, find someone wise; if you want to be wealthy, find someone who has knowledge of financial gain; healthy people think healthy; happy people think happy.
2. What you hang around, you will become.
3. The Stranger’s Voice – **John 10:5** / **Proverbs 7:21** – The Strange Woman

II. Following the Crowd vs. Following Jesus

A. ***Psalms 1:1-3***

1. Do you understand “The Blessing?”
2. Do you want “The Blessing?”

B. Peer Pressure to Fit In

1. Strong (not hard) Decisions are necessary at times that have the potential to hurt people’s feelings, but “As for me and my house....” – *You may not fit in with the crowd, but you will be accepted by Jesus. This is the difference between being a leader or a follower.*

1. ***II Corinthians 6:14-18***

2. Standing Firm:

- “I can be who God wants me to be without the approval of man”
- “What God and His Word instruct me to do, I will do.”
- “When the Lord speaks, I quickly obey.”