

Increase by Association!

Are we playing with the devil? What is rubbing off on us from our associations? Are our associations bringing increase or decrease into our lives? What is feeding you, mentally and spiritually?

I Cor. 15:33,34 -Evil company corrupts good habits. Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.

Examples:

Elisha -I Kings 19:16	Elisha did double the miracles that Elijah did.
Samson-Jud. 16:1	Association with Delilah cost him his anointing.
Prodigal-Luke 15:11	Wild life almost cost him his inheritance

What did God say?

I Thes. 5:22	Keep from the very appearance of evil
Eph. 5:11	No fellowship with darkness
I Tim. 4:7	Reject profane and old wives fables
I Tim. 6:20	Avoid profane and idle babbling and contradictions

Psa 1:1-3 - How are we blessed?

Walk not in the counsel of the ungodly	we cannot live any counsel other than God's
Do not stand in the path of the sinner	Submissive/inactive, going the way of the ungodly w/o resistance
Sit not in the seat of the scornful (mockers)	Our position - To say we are God's then treat His commandments or His Word lightly is one way we mock God. To counterfeit God in our lives, saying but not doing.
<u>Wrong counsel, wrong path, wrong position</u> causes:	Fruit to stop Leaf to wither No prosperity Unstablensness (not firmly planted)
Eph. 1:3,4	(all blessings from God are ours by His promise)

Listening to ungodly sources causes corruption: (rottenness, decay, perverseness, depravity, uncleanness)

Mark 4:24 - Take heed what you hear You will say what you hear. What are you hearing? Faith comes by hearing (Rom. 10:17) What is your faith in?

Unequally yoked! - II Cor. 6:14-18 -7:1

Not all people are for you good. Some are for you some are against you. Jesus said His yoke is easy, His burden is light -Mat. 11:29,30

Jesus talks about:

6:14-Fellowship (Become a partaker)	6:17-Be separate (not mixed with)
6:14-Communion (common union)	6:17-Don't touch the unclean
6:15-Accord	(touch and agree - Matt 18:19
6:15-Part (partner)	touching = concerning
6:16-Agreement (to join with)	7:1-Cleanse ourselves
6:17-Come out	

Definitions:

Increase: become greater, larger, reproduce, addition, multiply, grow, enlarge.

Association/associate: companionship, to join, partner, ally, or friend, join together, to keep company, a companion; a comrade. One that *habitually* accompanies or associates with another

Counsel: recommendation, direction, guidance from a knowledgeable person

Unequally: not the same, ill-matched, asymmetrical, out of proportion, cock-eyed, off-center, not balanced

Yoked: joined together, a bond, tie, connection, partner

Blessed: happy, fortunate, prosperous, to thrive, bloom, have well being, be invoked with divine favor.

Agreement: The act of agreeing, harmony of opinion; accord, arrangement of method or action; a covenant.

Fellowship: sharing similar interests, ideals, or experiences, a close association of friends or equals, friendship; comradeship.

Become a partaker

Communion: The act or an instance of sharing, as of thoughts or feelings, spiritual fellowship.

Accord: To cause to conform or agree; bring into harmony.

Partner: One that is united or associated with another or others in an activity or a sphere of common interest

Reference Scriptures:

Ex. 23:2, 33 -34:12

Numb 25:1-3, - Num. 33:55

Jud 2:2,3 -Psa 26:5 -Ezra 9:1,2

Psa. 106:32-40

Pro 1:15 -4:14 -13:20 -22:24 -24:1 -

28:7-Rom 16:17- I Cor. 5:9,11 -

Eph. 5:6,7 -II Thes 3:14