

Investing in Right Relationships

I. Introduction

- a. The goal of this lesson is to help us get into right relationships.

II. Getting the wrong people out of your life.

I Corinthians 15:33 - Bad company corrupts good morals.

- a. What does this really mean?
 - i. Wrong people will poison your faith.
 - ii. Ungodly relationships will hurt your walk with God.
 - iii. Bad company will mess up your life.
- b. If bad company comes disguised as good company, how can we tell the difference?

Matthew 7:16 - By their fruit you will recognize them.

- c. What is the fruit of this relationship?
 - i. When you are with them:
 - a. Do you feel closer to Jesus, or do you start to question your faith?
 - b. Are you more tempted to sin or more tempted to live holy?
 - c. Do you feel sharpened and built up, or do you feel torn down and heavy?

Wisdom Key: Whenever the devil wants to move in your life, he connects you with an ungodly relationship.

III. Getting the right people in your life.

Wisdom Key 2: Whenever God wants to move in your life, He connects you with a godly relationship.

Biblical examples:

- Timothy & Paul
- Elisha and Elijah
- Joshua and Moses

Mathew 12:48-50

⁴⁸ He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"

⁴⁹ Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers.

⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

- a. Invest in the *right* relationships.
 - i. *Get away* from those who have your *problems*.
 - ii. *Get with* those who have your *answers*.

Proverbs 13:20

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

- b. Ask them questions or advice.
 - How to:
 - Succeed
 - Study
 - Pray
 - Give
 - Overcome problems

The key ingredient for real discipleship to take place is humility.