



The Power of Relationships

Scripture:

“Do not be misled: ‘Bad company corrupts good character.’” — 1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)

Main Thought

Relationships shape everything.

Your joy, peace, and purpose are all deeply tied to who you allow into your life. Every friendship or connection is a seed—what you plant today will shape your tomorrow.

1. Relationships Can Make or Break You

Every relationship carries influence. It will either:

- **Promote you** toward your God-given destiny, or
- **Pull you down** through compromise and distraction.

The people closest to you affect your mindset, your emotions, your standards, and your walk with God.

2. A Snapshot of Your Future

Your circle is a preview of your future.

If the people around you don’t **challenge you**, **sharpen you**, or **call you higher**, they might be chaining you to a lesser version of yourself.

3. A Relationship Quiz for the Soul

Reflect prayerfully:

- What are you tolerating that you shouldn’t be?
- Have your convictions dulled because of someone’s influence?
- Are your standards lowering due to another’s compromise?

If the answers convict you—don't ignore them. That's the Holy Spirit's voice, guiding you toward realignment.

4. Wisdom in Choosing People

Jesus loved everyone, but He didn't walk closely with everyone. You don't owe everyone access to your emotions or your energy. Choose your inner circle wisely.

5. Surround Yourself with Life-Givers

Walk with people who sharpen you and draw you closer to Christ.
“Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.” — *Proverbs 13:20*

Reflection Questions

- Are your current relationships helping you look more like Christ—or less?
 - Do they lift your standards or lower them?
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Prayer

Father, thank You for creating me for connection.
Give me wisdom in choosing who walks beside me.
Guard my heart, raise my standards, and align my relationships with Your purpose.
Surround me with people who love You and challenge me to grow.
In Jesus' name, Amen.