


SUNDAY SERVICE, UNDER THE THEME; EVIL
COMPANY CORRUPTS GOOD CHARACTER TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS

15:33

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BE NOT DECEIVE; EVIL COMMUNICATION CORRUPTS GOOD MANNERS.

- Text: 1 Cor 15: 33. A warning from the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.
- Who or what influences your life most?
- Why do some believers start strong in faith but later lose their discipline, values, and devotion?

BE NOT DECEIVE

- Don't be fooled

- Don't think you are too strong to be influenced

- This implies that deception is often subtle. Believers often think they are strong enough to change the ungodly culture around them, when in reality, they are the ones being slowly changed.

- Evil communications While this is often translated as "bad company," the Greek word involves companionship, conversation, and fellowship. It isn't just about the people you casually interact with, but the people whose advice, jokes, and habits you entertain. It includes friendships environments, social circles, media influence and online influence

GOOD MANNERS

- Corrupt good manners This does not refer to etiquette or holding a teacup properly. It means that bad associations ruin morals, habits, and Christ-like character.

THE PRINCIPLE OR POWER OF INFLUENCE AND THE SEDUCTION OF SIN

- You become like the people you spend the most time with. Just as healthy habits produce physical well-being, surrounding yourself with godly wisdom promotes spiritual health.

- Influence Changes Character Gradually. People rarely change overnight. Influence works slowly through: conversations, habits, repeated exposure. Psalm 1:1, Prov. 13:20, Prov. 22: 24-25, 2 Corinthians 6:14,

Wrong Influence Can Destroy Spiritual Strength

- Small Corruption Can Spread. 1 Corinthians 5:6
- Even strong believers can be weakened through wrong association. As seen in the Bible Samson was chosen and empowered by God, yet wrong companionship weakened him spiritually and physically. Samson lost his strength because of wrong influence and compromise Judges 16:4-21
- What strength could not destroy, wrong influence destroyed

**Godly Influence Produces Growth; Note that not all Not all
influence is bad. God use spiritual leaders, mentors to
strengthen believers. Godly Fellowship Builds Spiritual
Strength Hebrews 10:24-25**

THE SEDUCTION OF SIN

- Negative influences do not drag a person down all at once. They lower your spiritual standards little by little until you are comfortable with things that once bothered your conscience.
- Sin rarely appears dangerous at first. It often comes attractively, subtly, and persuasively. That is why Paul says: Be not deceived. Sin seduces before it destroys.

Sin Often Begins with Deception

- The enemy makes sin appear:
- harmless
- pleasurable
- normal
- temporary

Satan deceived Eve before she disobeyed God. Genesis 3:1-6 — Eve in the Garden. 2 Corinthians 11:14, Sin Is Deceitful Hebrews 3:13

Sin Hardens Gradually

- One compromise often leads to another.
- What once felt wrong eventually begins to feel normal.

Sin Promises Pleasure but Produces Destruction

- Temporary pleasure can produce lasting consequences.
James 1:14-15
- There is a Difference Between Mission and Fellowship.
We are called to be the light of the world, much like Jesus who spent time with sinners. However, there is a difference between reaching out to the lost as a missionary and letting the lost dictate your lifestyle, values, and morals.

Guard Your Heart

- Proverbs 4:23
- Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life



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