

Who do you  
associated with and  
where do you go  
with them?

# Pursuing Holiness

- We have been addressing how pursuing holiness will affect every area of our lives:
  - Our disposition
  - Our attitudes
  - What we do
  - How we talk
  - How we dress
- Today, we will address our associates

# Who are your friends?

- Who do prefer to associate with?
  - It IS a question we need to ask as we examine our priorities
  - If there is conflict between associating with friends, who do you choose?

# Who are your friends?

- **Warnings:**

- When Israel was to inherit the land - **Numbers**

- 33:51-56**

- **Exodus 23:2** - do not follow a crowd to do evil

- **Psalm 1:1**

# Who are your friends?

- **Warnings:**
  - **Proverbs 1:10-19** - if sinners entice, do not consent
  - **1 Corinthians 15:33** - evil company corrupts
  - **1 Peter 4:3-4** - they think it strange
  - Matthew 19:29** - will you leave friends and families

# Who are your friends?

- What about your friends in the world?

The Bible does not teach that we are to be hermits - **cf.**

**Matthew 28:19-20,**  
**Philippians 2:15, etc.**

- Do they know you are a Christian? Would they be surprised?

# Who are your friends?

- What about your friends in the world?

Far too many are more concerned about popularity and worldly acceptance rather than God's acceptance.

- NOTE: Who you associate with will affect where you go, what you wear and do.
- **THESE** are what the worldly care about!

# Who are your friends?

- What about your friends in the world?

This is NOT saying you cannot have friends/associates that are not Christians

**1 Corinthians 5:9-10.**

- But there MUST be caution and reservation.

**Cf. James 4:4**

# Who are your friends?

- Are you choosing your friends wisely?

Wisdom in choosing friends

**Proverbs 9:6**

**Proverbs 13:20**

**Proverbs 2:10-13** - when wisdom enters your heart

# Who are your friends?

- Are you choosing your friends wisely?

**Psalm 84:10** - a day in Your courts

**Psalm 119:63** - a companion of all who fear you

- Do you prefer your brethren?

**Romans 12:10,**

**1 Thessalonians 4:9-10**

Do you prefer high, moral standards?

# Where are you going?

- Everyone is going somewhere.
  - Wherever that is, you are influencing others  
(**cf. Matthew 5:13-16**)
  - Where we go is often is determined by who we associate with!

# Where are you going?

- Consider:

**2 Corinthians 6:17** - ... Be separate

cf. - Peter at the fire -

**Matthew 26:69-75**

- King Solomon - **1 Kings**

**11:3-4**

- Rahab - **Joshua 6:22-23**

**(cf. Matt. 1:6)**

# Where are you going?

- **Places we ought NOT to go:**  
Where drunkenness is encouraged or permitted - **cf. 1 Peter 4:3-4**  
Where lust is promoted or tolerated - **cf. Galatians 5:19-21** – “and such like”  
**1 Peter 4:2-3, 2:11**  
Consider school dances, dance clubs, beaches, etc.

# Where are you going?

- **Places we ought NOT to go:**  
Where profanity is treated as natural - **2 Timothy 2:16, Colossians 3:8, Ephesians 4:29** (movies, comedy clubs, etc.)  
Where covetousness is promoted - **Hebrews 13:5, Colossians 3:5** (Casino)

# Where are you going?

- **Places we OUGHT to go:**  
The best way to keep away from ungodly places, is to make godly places your goal
  - assembling - **Hebrews 10:24-25, 1 Corinthians 14:26, Psalm 122:1**, “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
  - encouraging brethren - **Hebrews 3:13, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, 14**

# Where are you going?

- Places we OUGHT to go:

- helping others -

**Hebrews 13:16, 2,**

**Ephesians 2:10**

- wholesome entertainment -  
there are places you can go  
with your friends - recreation  
is good, wholesome movies,  
nature walks, game nights,  
etc.

# Where are you going?

- Living a productive life
  - We know God expects us to give Him our best -  
**Colossians 3:23, Ecclesiastes 9:10, cf. Titus 3:14, etc.**
  - We CANNOT spend all our time being wasteful and be pursuing holiness.
  - Rest, but get back to work!
  - **Ephesians 5:15-17**

Is your holiness  
reflected in your  
associates and  
where you go?

Let us pray!