



Companion & The Influence of Spirits

(Keeping company with spirits)

Definitions

- Companion

A person or animal with whom one spends a lot of time ...

- Influence

The capacity to have an effect on the character,
development, or behavior of someone or something...

Quotes

- We are the average of the five people we spend the most time with.

(Jim Rohn)

- You're not the average of the FIVE people you surround with. It's way bigger than that. You're the average of all the people who surround you. So, take a look around and make sure you're in the right surroundings.

(David Burkus)

The company we keep...

(1) Companionship is not limited to a humans (people) only.

(2) Companionship are in categories

i) **Evil/Bad Company**

1 Corinthians 15:33

NKJV

33 Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."

NIV

33 Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

ii) Wise Company versus Foolish Company

Psalm 13:20 (NKJV)

20 He who walks with *wise men* will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.

iii) The Unbelieving Company

2 Corinthians 6:14 (NIV)

14 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

iv) The Company of Hypocrites

Job 15:34 (NKJV)

34 For the company of hypocrites *will be* barren, and fire will consume the tents of bribery.

v) The Company of angry and furious people

Proverbs 22:24-25 (NKJV)

24 Make no friendship with an angry man, and with a furious man do not go,

25 Lest you learn his ways and set a snare for your soul.

The Influence of Spirits

1 Corinthians 2:9-12 (NKJV)

9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

10 But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

(A) 3 Types of Spirits Identified in 1 Cor 2:9-12

- The Spirit of God.
- The Spirit of Man.
- The Spirit of the World.

NB:

The Spirit of a thing is the influence of the thing.

(B) Spirits are transferred

- Through books.
- Through messages.
- Through media.
- Through the dead or the living.
- Through laying on of hands. (Acts 6:6-7: Acts 19:6)
- Through breathing on people. (John 20:22)

(C) Sometimes when we receive the Holy Spirit through someone, we may also receive what is upon them.

Numbers 11:16-17 - The Seventy Elders

16 So the LORD said to Moses: “Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you.

17 Then I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit that *is upon you* and will put *the same* upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear *it* yourself alone.

(D) Negative Spirit

Numbers 13:26-33 (NKJV)

Fear and negativity – vs 26-29

Intimidation – vs 31-33

(E) Positive Spirit

- Numbers 13:30 (NKJV)

- Numbers 14:24 (NKJV)

But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

Human Spirits

- Negative Human Spirits.
- Positive Human Spirits.

CAUTION!!!

Use wisdom to deal with or stay away from the category of the **negative human spirit.**

(1) A person with a sorrowful spirit

- 1 Samuel 1:15 (KJV)

And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I *am* a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

This category of people are always depressed; everything is always wrong.

Sorrow is a feeling of great sadness.

(2) A person with a sad spirit

- 1 Kings 21:5 (KJV)

But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy **spirit so sad**, that thou eatest no bread?

Sadness is an emotion experienced when one is in any state of unhappiness.

(3) A person with a troubled spirit

- **Genesis 41:8 (NKJV)**

Now it came to pass in the morning that his **spirit was troubled**, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but *there was* no one who could interpret them for Pharaoh.

A state of being unsettled; stressed, etc.

(4) A person with an anguished spirit

- Exodus 6:9 (NKJV)

So Moses spoke thus to the children of Israel; but they did not heed Moses, because of anguish of spirit and cruel bondage.

An expression of extreme pain, anxiety, great suffering, as from worry, grief, or pain; agony; excruciating or acute distress, suffering, or pain; extreme pain or misery.

(5) A person with a spirit of jealousy

- Numbers 5:14 (NKJV)

if the **spirit of jealousy** comes upon him and he becomes jealous of his wife, who has defiled herself; or if **the spirit of jealousy** comes upon him and he becomes jealous of his wife, although she has not defiled herself...

(6) A person with a hardened spirit

- Deuteronomy 2:30 (NKJV)

“But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass through, for the LORD your God **hardened his spirit** and made his heart obstinate, that He might deliver him into your hand, as *it is* this day.

Cruel people; treat people poorly, etc.

(7) A person with a haughty (arrogant / prideful spirit)

- Proverbs 16:18 (NKJV)

Pride *goes* before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

(8) A person with a wounded / broken / crushed spirit

- Proverbs 18:14

English Standard Version

A man's spirit will endure sickness, but a **crushed spirit** who can bear?

King James Bible

The **spirit** of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a **wounded spirit** who can bear?

New King James Version

The **spirit** of a man will sustain him in sickness, But who can bear a **broken spirit**?

(9) A person with a heavy spirit

- **Isaiah 61:3 (NKJV)**

To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the **spirit of heaviness;** That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”

The Positive Human Spirit

- Fervent Spirit

Romans 12:11 (NKJV)

not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

To be fervent is to have and display a passionate intensity.

The Positive Human Spirit

- God seeking Spirit

Isaiah 26:9 (NIV)

My soul yearns for you in the night; **in the morning my spirit longs for you**. When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness.

The Lord is first in everything.

The Lord is the center of everything.

The Lord is involved in everything.

- Steadfast / Faithful Spirit

Psalm 78:8 (NKJV)

And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation *that* did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.

- A spirit that will not betray the course of the gospel.
- Immovable.