Pastoral Notes

'Bad company corrupts good character'- Proverbs 13:20.

I am of the firm belief that the character of one's company, is a reflection of one's self. In other words, the people you choose to hang with are a reflection of how you see yourself.

What are the attributes of the people you associate with the most? Are they wise or foolish? Do they motivate you or just entertain you? The adversity. Growing up our parents did not mind us having company over as long as they knew who was coming over. That is because, through experience they learned that 'bad company could corrupt good character'.

Just as a little hair in your food can mess up the whole meal, so too, a little bad company can corrupt your whole good character. People with good hearts, sound minds and supportive families got caught up with the wrong crowd and ended

Key Sermonic Points:

- 1. You don't build yourself up by tearing others down
- 2. Your reputation precedes you but your character defines you
- 3. Wisdom is less about WHAT you know and more about WHO you know

bible teaches that wise people associate with wise people, and when you walk with wise people, you become wise. When you choose to walk with fools, however, you become a fool.

As our young people prepare to go back to school, it is important they know that their friends are a reflection of themselves. They need to know more about people, they call a friend, than just an email id, phone number or snapchat account. They need to know the character of the person, especially in times of up caught up in a penal system that would rather incarcerate than educate.

Learn to weed out "the squares in your circle" and befriend people who have the morals, dreams and ambitions you share. You can buy clothes and cars, but you can't buy character.

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