

Evil Companions

1 [Corinthians 15:33 HCSB](#) Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

I. They affect our MODESTY

- [1 Timothy 2:9-11 HCSB](#) Also, the women are to dress themselves in modest clothing, with decency and good sense; not with elaborate hairstyles, gold, pearls, or expensive apparel, [10](#) but with good works, as is proper for women who affirm that they worship God. [11](#) A woman should learn in silence with full submission.

II. They affect our MORALITY

- [Ephesians 5:1-7 HCSB](#) Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children. [2](#) And walk in love, as the Messiah also loved us and gave Himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God. [3](#) But sexual immorality and any impurity or greed should not even be heard of among you, as is proper for saints. [4](#) And coarse and foolish talking or crude joking are not suitable, but rather giving thanks. [5](#) For know and recognize this: no sexually immoral or impure or greedy person, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of the Messiah and of God. [6](#) Let no one deceive you with empty arguments, for because of these things God's wrath is coming on the disobedient. [7](#) Therefore, do not become their partners.

III. They affect our MANNERS

- [1 Peter 3:8-9 HCSB](#) Now finally, all of you should be like-minded and sympathetic, should love believers, and be compassionate and humble, [9](#) not paying back evil for evil or insult for insult but, on the contrary, giving a blessing, since you were called for this, so that you can inherit a blessing.

IV. They affect our MODERATION

- [Proverbs 1:10-16 HCSB](#) My son, if sinners entice you, don't be persuaded. [\(11\)](#) If they say--"Come with us! Let's set an ambush and kill someone. Let's attack some innocent person just for fun! [\(12\)](#) Let's swallow them alive, like Sheol, still healthy as they go down to the Pit. [\(13\)](#) We'll find all kinds of valuable property and fill our houses with plunder. [\(14\)](#) Throw in your lot with us, and we'll all share our money"--[\(15\)](#) my son, don't travel that road with them or set foot on their path, [\(16\)](#) because their feet run toward trouble and they hurry to commit murder.

V. They affect our MOTIVATION

- [2 Timothy 4:10 HCSB](#) for Demas has deserted me, because he loved this present world, and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.