

## WISDOM IN RELATIONSHIPS – 1 CORINTHIANS 15:33

### Series: WALKING IN WISDOM

<sup>33</sup> Do not be fooled. "Bad companions ruin good character."

**1 Corinthians 15:33 (TEV)**

<sup>24</sup> A man of *too many* friends comes to ruin, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. **Proverbs 18:24 (NASB)**

### 1. PEOPLE I SHOULD AVOID:

#### ➤ The Gossip

<sup>19</sup> A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much.

**Proverbs 20:19 (NIV)**

#### ➤ The Quick Tempered

<sup>24</sup> Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, <sup>25</sup> or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared.

**Proverbs 22:24-25 (NIV)**

#### ➤ The \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>21</sup> Fear the LORD and the king, my son, and do not join with the rebellious, <sup>22</sup> for those two will send sudden destruction upon them, and who knows what calamities they can bring? **Proverbs 24:21-22 (NIV)**

#### ➤ The Self-Indulgent

<sup>7</sup> He who keeps the law is a discerning son, but a companion of gluttons disgraces his father. **Proverbs 28:7 (NIV)**

#### ➤ The \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>3</sup> A man who loves wisdom brings joy to his father, but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth. **Proverbs 29:3 (NIV)**

#### ➤ The \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>7</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. **Proverbs 1:7 (NIV)**

### 2. HOW RELATIONSHIPS CAN \_\_\_\_\_ ME:

#### ➤ They can \_\_\_\_\_ me

<sup>9</sup> Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel. **Proverbs 27:9 (NIV)**

#### ➤ They can develop me

<sup>6</sup> Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

**Proverbs 27:6 (NIV)**

#### ➤ They can \_\_\_\_\_ me

<sup>17</sup> As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. **Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)**

#### ➤ They can disappoint me

<sup>18</sup> Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, <sup>19</sup> holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith. <sup>20</sup> Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.

**1 Timothy 1:18-20 (NIV)**

#### ➤ They can distress me

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call to you, O God who declares me innocent. Free me from my troubles. Have mercy on me and hear my prayer. <sup>2</sup> How long will you people ruin my reputation? How long will you make groundless accusations? How long will you continue your lies? Interlude **Psalms 4:1-2 (NLT2)**

#### ➤ They can \_\_\_\_\_ me

<sup>4</sup> Then the peoples around them set out to discourage the people of Judah and make them afraid to go on building. **Ezra 4:4 (NIV)**

#### ➤ They can \_\_\_\_\_ me

<sup>9</sup> With his mouth the godless man would destroy his neighbor, but by knowledge the righteous are delivered. **Proverbs 11:9 (ESV)**