

The Company We Keep

Scripture: **2 Thessalonians 3:6–13**

Series: **Future Grace for Godliness**

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Overview

We are impacted by the people around us. **The company we keep will either help or hinder us in the faith.** Scripture gives us principles for how we keep fellowship with other Christians.

Corraborating Texts

I Corinthians 5; Matthew 18; Proverbs 27:17; Ecclesiastes 4:9ff; Matthew 11:28ff

Discussion Questions

1. Read through the verses that Joe focused on (v6 and v13). What is meant by **idleness**?
2. What is the difference between the fellowship that we are to have with *all* people and the fellowship Paul is describing? What are the distinctive marks of Christian fellowship?
3. As the text describes a type of dis-fellowship with believers, clarify what this means and also what it doesn't mean. [Doesn't mean: withdrawing from the world, avoiding "sinful" Christians, or establishing a holiness club. It does mean avoid those who profess Christ but consistently refuse repentance and do not produce fruit.]
4. What is the difference between **formative** and **reformatory** types of discipline in the Christian life? While referencing Matthew 18, what is the goal of church discipline?
5. If "bad company corrupts good morals," what does it look like for the believer to be good company towards our brothers and sisters? How do you accomplish this in the context of your community group?
6. If "bad company corrupts good morals," take a moment to reflect on the people who influence your attitudes and behavior. While keeping in mind the commands of Scripture, do you need to make any changes in these influences?