

Your Friends and Your Future

“Flee also youthful lust; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.” (2 Tim. 2:22) What kind of people do you hang around with? Are they godly people? Or, are you uncomfortable around godly people? Would you rather hang around with people that don’t care about God? Show me your friends, and I will show you your future. The Bible tells us, “Flee from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.” In other words, hang out with godly people who do godly things. If you know anything of the righteousness of Jesus Christ and what He has done for you, it should cause you to want to live a godly life. It should cause you to want to do righteous things because you have been made righteous. When you have sinned, that is when you run, not walk, to get help from the Word of God and from God’s people. Satan will always try to keep you from the cross, and the Holy Spirit will always draw you to the cross. You can approach God at any time, not because of the good you’ve done but because of the sacrifice that Jesus made for you. When you have sinned, that is when you open the Bible and read it to see what God has to say about the sin. When you have sinned, that is when you pray and ask God to forgive you of your sin. This doesn’t mean that we can do whatever we want. If you say, “I’m righteous before Christ, so I can just go out and sin up a storm,” then you’ve missed it. God hasn’t given you a license to sin. You know you’re righteous in Christ because of what He has done for you. Now live a life that reflects that. Pursue righteous living.

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