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Psalm 119:63

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“I am a companion of all those who fear You, and of those who keep Your precepts.”  
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Your choice of friends is critical to your well being. Sadly, many a Christian’s testimony has been nullified by the company they have chosen. “Be not deceived; evil company corrupts good morals. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.” (1 Corinthians 15:33-34). When we choose poor friends, rather than being salt and light – influencing those around us – we acquiesce our stand for Christ and thus lose our moral initiative.

This erosion of our moral high ground usually happens ever so subtly. Our companions may be the news anchors on television. We so spend time with them that we come to recognize their voices far better than we do the still small voice of the Holy Spirit. And what of the stars of off-color and course television sit-coms or rude and blaspheming music or Hollywood stars?

As in all things we must make choices! And our choice of friends should rank at the top of the priority list. Choose friends who will encourage your heart to continue on serving the Lord – even when things are tough. Choose fellow disciples who will not compromise, who will inspire you on to follow the Lord and continually call you up higher in the Way! And let us not forget the Companion Himself. The precious Holy Spirit who moment by moment, day after day, never forsaking us, never growing impatient with us, all the while calling us to be like the Master!

“Wisdom is working in my heart. I am choosing quality companions, friends who will ever call me upward and onward in the quest for the “high calling of God in Christ!”

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