

*Who you allow in your inner circle can
limit you*

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Most of us who were raised by conscientious parents learned quite early who we should and shouldn't bring home to meet mom. Mothers just seemed to have a built-in radar system that alerted them as to whether or not the company we kept as kids was good for us. They knew that, even as children, our future could be adversely affected by our circle of friends and when we grow into adulthood this truth remains the same.

Our inner circle of friends more than likely will be the ones that will influence us the most in life. We often trust these folks and share our most intimate secrets and dreams with them. We also tend to allow them to speak the most into our lives. We value their opinions. This is why it is very important that we listen to the Lord and carefully select our closest relationships according to His counsel. Does your inner circle believe in you? Do they encourage you to walk on the water or do they cause you to look at the storm around you? Perhaps you should re-evaluate the people in your boat to see how each one influences you and adjust your relationships accordingly.

Prayer for Today

God, I ask You today for Your input regarding the friends in my life. I ask You to surround me with faith filled people of vision and purpose. I also know that I am a part of someone else's inner circle as well, so use me to be a good influence and to always push them toward a closer walk with You.

Scriptures for Today

I Corinthians 15:33 Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character. (NIV)

Acts 4:23 On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all the chief priests and elders had said to them. (NIV)