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Episode 27: Dangers of Unaddressed Generational Challenges – Evil Company corrupts Good habits

New perspective is necessary for a God designed life – God gives you a new perspective of life, you must desire it, want it, and humble yourself to embrace it! "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things have passed away, behold all things are become new." 2 Cor 5.17

Isaiah 55:2-13
"Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.
3 Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.
4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the peoples.
5 Surely you will summon nations you know not,
and nations you do not know will come running to you,
because of the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendor."

1. 6 Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.
7 Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.
2. 8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the LORD.
9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
10 As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.
12 You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.
13 Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,
and instead of briers the myrtle will grow.
This will be for the LORD's renown,
for an everlasting sign,
that will endure forever."

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits." 34Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. 2 Tim 3 1-5

Greek root meeting of 1 Cor 15.33 " Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." (KJV)

Do not
Μὴ (Mē)
Adverb
Strong's Greek 3361: Not, lest. A primary particle of qualified negation; not, lest; also (whereas ou expects an affirmative one) whether.

be deceived:

πλανᾶσθε (planasthe)
Verb - Present Imperative Middle or Passive - 2nd Person Plural
Strong's Greek 4105: To lead astray, deceive, cause to wander. From plane; to roam.

"Bad
κακαί (kakai)
Adjective - Nominative Feminine Plural
Strong's Greek 2556: Bad, evil, in the widest sense. Apparently a primary word; worthless, i.e. depraved, or injurious.

company
ὁμιλίαι (homiliai)
Noun - Nominative Feminine Plural
Strong's Greek 3657: Intercourse, companionship, conversation, association. From homilos; companionship, i.e. intercourse.

corrupts
Φθείρουσιν (Phtheirousin)
Verb - Present Indicative Active - 3rd Person Plural
Strong's Greek 5351: To corrupt, spoil, destroy, ruin. Probably strengthened from phthio; properly, to shrivel or wither, i.e. To spoil or to ruin.

good
χρηστὰ (chrēsta)
Adjective - Accusative Neuter Plural
Strong's Greek 5543: Useful, gentle, pleasant, kind. From chraomai; employed, i.e. useful.

character."
ἤθη (ēthē)
Noun - Accusative Neuter Plural
Strong's Greek 2239: Habit, manner, custom, morals. A strengthened form of ethos; usage, i.e. moral habits.

https://biblehub.com/strongs/1_corinthians/15-33.htm

Chapters 1-4, Paul received reports of problems in the church in Corinth and therefore addresses their problems and disorders, *"there are quarrels among you"* (1:11). Paul asks believers to *"consider your calling"* (1:26-30). He then declares three times that God *"has chosen"* them and *"because of Him you are in Christ Jesus".* This truth is joyful and relieving to believers that God is in control and is the orchestrator of our lives.

- In chapters 5-11, Paul exposes all of the immorality that was occurring in the church at Corinth. These include sexual immorality, issues of marriage, and lawsuits with other believers. *"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God"* (6:9). Paul warns believers to be careful how you live, "For *you have been bought with a price"* (vs 20)

https://biblehub.com/summary/1_corinthians/

Poor behavior, bad conduct promotes a culture of moral degeneration **"Culture is simply a shared way of doing something with a passion."** Brian Chesky, Co-Founder, CEO, Airbnb

Ezekiel 16:27 Behold now, I have stretched out My hand against you and diminished your rations. And I delivered you up to the desire of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your lewd conduct." – Bad company will be judged.

The book of Job summarized: Friends "Companions"

Job lost everything and in his most desperate time of need his wife who he trusted told him to "curse God and die". His friends came and said he was being punished therefore he must have done something terrible to deserve what was taking place in his life. Job's friends were corrupting him with a negative report, a report that was not facts, accusing Job of wrong doing hence judgement is upon him, thankfully Job knew God and who he was in God, that he did not curse God. Job still maintained his values, and when he humbled himself and prayed for his friends and prayed for forgiveness and rejoiced in the Lord. He was blessed in abundance with double.