# The Effect Of Our Surroundings

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## INTRODUCTION

- We're going to go quite a few places tonight in our study of the scripture and tie some things together.

## 1 Lot Became Attached to His Environment

**2 Peter 2:7–9; Luke 17:32; Genesis 19:16**

- He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men.
- The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment.
- Lot was righteous, he was vexed by the unrighteousness around him, and yet when the time came to flee because of the judgment of God, he hesitated.
- Lot, like us, became attached to his environment. Even though he did not like a lot of the ungodly things that were going on around him.

## 2 You Show Me Your Friends, I'll Show You Your Future

- You show me your friends. And I'll show you your future.
- Of the young people who quit attending regularly with the Lord's people. You know what all of them had in common? Their friends weren't Christians.
- Whom we choose as friends is a huge influential factor in our life, young people.
- The people whom we befriend will have a tremendous influence on our lives.

## 3 Do Not Be Bound Together With Unbelievers

**2 Corinthians 6:14–7:1; 2 Corinthians 6:11–13; 2 Corinthians 7:2–4**

- Do not be bound together with unbelievers. For what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?
- Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate, says the Lord. And do not touch what is unclean.
- Beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit.
- What's going on in this whole epistle is the Corinthians have come under the influence of evil men who are claiming to be Christians.

## 4 Our Alliances Affect Us

**James 3:10**

- Our alliances, whatever they are, they affect us. They influence us. And don't be deceived about it.

- Don’t let your guard down because somebody is a Christian.
- Do not think for a second that another brother or sister in Christ cannot come under the influence of Satan and do his bidding. Because it happened even to Peter.
- Beware of any yoking that leads to the practice of unholiness or the rejection of righteousness.

## 5 I Will Set No Worthless Thing Before My Eyes

**Psalm 101:3–8**

- I will set no worthless thing before my eyes. I hate the work of those who fall away. It shall not fasten its grip on me.
- He who practices deceit shall not dwell within my house. He who speaks falsehood shall not maintain his position before me.
- It’s not just about other people. All of this starts with me.

## 6 Living G-Rated Lives in an X-Rated World

**Matthew 5:29–30**

- Living G-rated lives in an X-rated world. Are we tormented? As Lot was by the unrighteousness that surrounds us.
- I’ve made a covenant with the Lord. How then can my eyes gaze at a virgin?
- I don’t want to be like Lot, too attached to the world in which I find myself.
- We need to think about our entertainment choices and the amount of filth that we will expose our hearts to.
- As we get too attached to the world. We now aren’t as enthused about the things of the Lord.

THE CHALLENGE

How much of an impact is our world having upon our faith? And are we going to take control of the things that we can control?

MY NOTES