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Man Up

Peer pressure. Something that is generally accepted as only being a part of a teenager’s life. But is that really true? No. No it’s not.

If someone were to ask you if you were give into peer pressure, what would your answer be? Most would respond with an overwhelming, “No.” But all too often we see people keeping up with the Jones’... out of peer pressure. All too often we see people wanting to be accepted with a particular group in the neighborhood, at work or even church... out of peer pressure.

Peer pressure can be a good thing OR a dangerous thing. It truly depends on who you make a part of your life. Consider:

1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”

Do those in your life influence you toward a holy lifestyle in the Word of God, or in the ways of the world? The wrong people can influence your life instead of the Spirit if you allow them to. Consider Pilate:

Matthew 27:19-25

While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.” But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor. “Barabbas,” they answered. “What shall I do, then, with (Yeshua) Jesus who is called Christ?” Pilate asked. They all answered, “Crucify him!” “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!” When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!” And all the people answered, “Let his blood be on us and on our children!”

Pilate gave in to the crowds around him. In so doing, he allowed the crucifixion of Yeshua.

How about you? Do you crucify Yeshua when you give in to peer pressure? Every one has different

kinds of peer pressure. Where does your peer pressure lead you? Are you willing to stand up against it if needed?

In the book of Daniel, we find three Hebrew brothers who were told to bow down and worship when the music plays. Yet they stood strong in the midst of their peers even though death was on the line.

As I've once heard it said, "If you can't stand up for something, you'll fall for anything." So, in the question of falling to peer pressure, the answer is determined in what you are standing for. Or, if you are even standing at all. As Isaiah 7:9 concludes with:

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...If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.

How is your stand in the Word today? Do you allow others to determine how you live OR even what you believe? Don't fall to peer pressure any more.

1 Corinthians 16:13

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.

Consider even the words of David to his son Solomon:

1 Kings 2:2-3

"I am about to go the way of all the earth," he said. "So be strong, show yourself a man, and observe what (Yahweh) the LORD your God requires: Walk in His ways, and keep His decrees and commands, His laws and requirements, as written in the Law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go."

In other words, "Man up." No excuses. Follow the ways of God, and be a real man. And he did... at first. But later we find he began giving in to the peer pressure of those around him. Those whom he brought into his life.

Are you giving in to the wrong influence in your life? Maybe it's time for you to "Man up."

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We hope you have enjoyed this brief message. Remember, continue to test everything. Shalom!

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