WHO IS IN YOUR INNER CIRCLE?

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Esther 5:9-14

The people you have chosen to be in your inner circle are the individuals who will have the greatest influence on your decisions. They will have insight into your passions. They will be able to stimulate your trend of thought. In addition to that, they will be able to motivate your ambitions and strengthen your desires.

This can be good or bad, depending on who you are. If you are a person who angers quickly, having people to fuel your anger is dangerous. If you are a person who wants more of the Kingdom of God, having someone to stimulate your trend of thought is great.

YOUR INNER CIRCLE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT VOICES IN YOUR EAR.

WHO SHOULD BE IN YOUR INNER CIRCLE ?

Should the people you love be in your inner circle? Not necessarily. Love does not guarantee wise counsel. Should the people you enjoy the most be in your inner circle? Not necessarily. Pleasure does not guarantee wise circle. Should the people you're most familiar with be in your inner circle? Not necessarily. Comfort does not guarantee wise counsel.

The people who should be in your inner circle are the ones who are **WILLING TO CORRECT YOU**. These types of people will make sure your decisions are upright. They will make sure your heart is in the right place. They will make sure your thoughts and actions are aligned with righteousness.

Unfortunately, many people do not invite people into their inner circle who will correct them. When people in your inner circle are foolish, your life will be full of trouble. Understanding the importance of your inner circle is vital to your success, happiness and security. Listening to the **WRONG** voices will be disastrous.

Adam listened to Eve when she influenced him to disobey God. Adam lost the Kingdom of God and dominion over the earth because of the voice he decided to honor.

YOUR INNER CIRCLE IS CULTIVATING YOUR TREND OF THOUGHT!

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In the book of Esther, Haman hated Mordicai. He wanted him dead. He disdain for him was unbelievable. Hamen's inner circle contributed to his downfall.

His wife Zeresh and his friends were feeding him wrongful and evil advice regarding Mordecai. Because of the advice he was receiving from his inner circle, Hamen was killed by the king. Reference Esther chapter 5-7. Whomever is in your inner circle will either hold you back or bring you up. Never underestimate who has access to you. The advice you are receiving and making decisions with is **DECIDING** your future!!

<u>HERE ARE THREE WISDOM QUALIFIERS TO</u> <u>APPLY BEFORE YOU BRING PEOPLE INTO</u> <u>YOUR CIRCLE.</u>

- Make sure they have the courage to CORRECT you.
 People who correct you want to see you win.
- 2. They should be walking and pursuing **GOD'S WILL** so they can support God's plan for your life.
- 3. **TEST** them before you trust them. You need to be able to be vulnerable with your inner circle so you can blossom to your greatest potential. Your inner circle should be your greatest outlet.

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