

Higher Ground

KEEPING A SPIRITUAL FOCUS IN THIS MATERIAL WORLD





The Significance of Our 'Circle'

- Influence (Both Ways)

2nd Pet. 2:7, 8

- We Should Choose Carefully

PROVERBS 12:26

- We Can Be Corrupted

1ST CORINTHIANS 15:33



The Significance of Our 'Circle'

- The 'Circle' of the Spiritually-Minded
 - Basic Truths We Must Not Discount:

It's better to hang out with people better than you. Pick out associates whose behavior is better than yours and you'll drift in that direction.

— **Warren Buffett**

You are the average of the five people you spend the most time with.

— **Jim Rohn**



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COLOSSIANS 3:1, 2

- Our Standard: Jesus

EPH. 4:1 1-16; ROM. 8:29; 12:2



Who Will Help Us?

- Who Will Encourage Us?

1st Thess. 3:1, 2

- The Worldly-Minded & Faithless Will Not

DEUTERONOMY 1:26-28; EZRA 4:1-4

- The Spiritually-Minded Will

ROMANS 1:11, 12



Who Will Help Us?

- Who Will Exhort Us?

Heb. 3:13

- The Worldly-Minded & Faithless Will Not

1ST PETER 4:1-4

- The Spiritually-Minded Will

HEB. 10:24, 25; 1ST THESS. 4:1, 2; 2ND TIM. 4:2



Who Will Help Us?

- Who Will Admonish Us?

Rom. 15:14

- The Worldly-Minded & Faithless Will Not

1ST JOHN 4:1; MATTHEW 7:1

- The Spiritually-Minded Will

1ST THESSALONIANS 5:12, 13



Who Will Help Us?

- Who Will Strengthen Us?

1st Thess. 5:11

- The Worldly-Minded & Faithless Will Not

EZEKIEL 34:1-6; ROMANS 16:17, 18

- The Spiritually-Minded Will

1ST THESS. 5:14; ROM. 14:19; EPH. 4:29



With God's People...

- We Will Be Encouraged! 1st Thess. 3:1-3
- We Will Be Comforted! 1st Thess. 3:6-8
- We Will Have Help! Eccl. 4:9, 10
- We Have Reason to Rejoice! 2nd Tim. 1:3-5

