## THE POWER OF ASSOCIATION

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Who you walk with, determines what works with you. Who you company with determines what accompanies you. Genesis 13:2, "Now Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold." Genesis 13:5, "And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents."

Association never leaves you neutral. It's not about socialization, it's about destiny. 1 Corinthians 6:14, 17, "And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power...... But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."

And the Bible says in Proverbs 13:20, "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed." Amos 3:3, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" You can never be comfortable walking with people you don't have the same mindset with. That is why they say, "Birds of a feather flock together."

It is only a fool that tells himself there is no God. Psalm 14:1, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good." As long as a man does not walk with God, he's a fool. In Proverbs 9:10, the Bible says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."

You would do well to separate yourself from distractions and companies that may derail your destiny. Abraham got to the point where he decided to do away with wrong company. Never mind, they can be friends or even relatives, but anyone that blinds you to your divine purpose is a destiny destroyer.

It was not until Abraham separated himself from Lot that God clarified his divine purpose. Genesis 13:14, "And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward.."

2 Thessalonians 3:6, "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." Dr. David Oyedepo once said, "20 Children don't play together for 20 years."

1 John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Our walk with God is superior to our work for God. You cannot walk with God and remain ordinary. The issue of association is an issue of decision. You have to be decisive about who you allow to influence your life, or you miss it completely.