

Opposing Corrupting Influences

to corrupt: “to destroy by means of corrupting”
“to bring into a worse state” “to lead astray”

“Bad company corrupts good morals” 1 Cor. 15:33

“Lay aside the old self which is being corrupted...”
Eph. 4:22

a corrupting influence : a person or thing that influences us to devote LESS OF OUR LIFE to following and serving Christ.

a godly influence : a person or thing that influences us to devote MORE OF OUR LIFE to following and serving Christ.

1. Learn what corrupting influences do.

- they influence a large segment of the church in every generation
- they impact whole families, churches, and nations
- they ruin those they influence

2. Understand that they must be opposed.

- by spiritual authorities 2 Cor. 11:3, 10
- by friends Mt. 18:20
- by each of us personally Ps. 101

3. Identify what corrupting influences we face

- Corrupting philosophies of life
(secular humanism, new spirituality)
- Corrupting people
- Corrupting activities and materials
- Corrupting Christians and churches

4. Purpose to oppose corrupting influences.