

**SERMON NOTES:**  
**Radioactive Relationships**  
**May 18, 2014**

- The truth is this, **that the people around you will be your greatest spiritual asset or your worst spiritual curse.**
- **if the majority of your close relationships are with people who are living lives that are not God pleasing, they will bring you down long before you bring them up.”**
- **1 Corinthians 15:33**  
*Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for "bad company corrupts good character." NLT*
- **2 Timothy 2:16-17**  
*But shun empty chatter, for they will proceed further in ungodliness, and their word will consume like gangrene...”WEB*
- **1. Chronic Critics:** Chronic critics are never happy about anything, and they always seem to show up in church
- **2. The Controller** – controllers are overbearing, forcing their way and opinions upon you regardless of your will.
- **3. The Tempter:**  
This type of person encourages you to do things that you know you shouldn't and may not normally even want to do.
- **SET HEALTHY BOUNDARIES:**  
**The word “No” is a complete sentence in and of itself?**
  
- **CUT TO THE QUICK**  
**“Proverbs 12:26** The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray. NKJV

**QUESTIONS TO PONDER**

Q.1 **1 Corinthians 15:33** says,  
“Bad company corrupts good Character” How so?

Q.2 Which one of the Toxic Trio (Chronic Critic, Controller, Tempter) do you struggle with the most? Why?

Q.3 Pastor Ralph gave us some suggestions for boundaries, can you think of any others that might be helpful?

Q.4 What criteria should you or will you have if you are going to as Proverbs 12:26 says, Choose your friends carefully?

Q.5 Are you a Chronic Critic? Controller? Tempter? Ask God to help you become the person He wants you to be.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me be aware of radioactive relationships in my life. Give me the courage to set boundaries so that I can protect my spiritual walk with You. If I am one of those three, please forgive me and help me surrender this part of my life to You

Amen