**Peer Pressure**

**Usreachout.com describes peer pressure as the influence you feel from a person or group of people to do something you might not otherwise consider doing. It’s not uncommon to want to be part of a group and feel like you belong in a community, especially if you are new or less experience than the people around you. The toughest thing we all face and it does not matter about your age is peer pressure. From school to work, to social outings, peer pressure is prevalent. From drinking when you normally do not drink, to stealing or being involved in inappropriate discussions are all forms of peer pressure. Peer pressure can tend to sneak up on you and sometimes the consequences can be devastating. Let’s see what the bible has to say on this:**

**Proverbs 13:20 Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.**

**Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

**1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**

**Galatians 1:10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.**

**1 Corinthians 15:33-34 Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.**

**Proverbs 1:10 My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.**

**1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”**

**Acts 5:29 But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.**

**James 1:12-15 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.**

**Matthew 16:26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?**

**Proverbs 4:14-15 Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on.**