



"Love All, Serve All"

Good Company

*"As is your company,
so shall you become."*

Sathya Sai Baba



What is Good Company?

- ☺ Good company is friendship with people of goodness, who are truthful and righteous.
- ☺ Goodness means good behaviour, good discipline and good character.

"In making friends with someone you do so because of his virtue."

Mencius

The Importance Of Good Company



- ☺ Our friends influence the good and bad actions we do.
- ☺ We develop noble aspirations and ideas to do great things.

"Never contract friendship with a man that is not better than thyself."

- Confucius

- ☺ With good company anger, jealousy, pride are removed from our hearts and we learn to love.



- ☺ We are encouraged to discover the Truth and develop faith in God.

"Every bad person by association with the good gets reformed."

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The Effects Of Bad Company

In bad company...



- ☹ One develops bad thoughts and wicked actions.
- ☹ One is led to self-indulgence and then grief.
- ☹ Life is wasted.

- ☹ Even a good man becomes bad.

So keep bad company out of sight and out of mind.



How Good People Are Recognized?

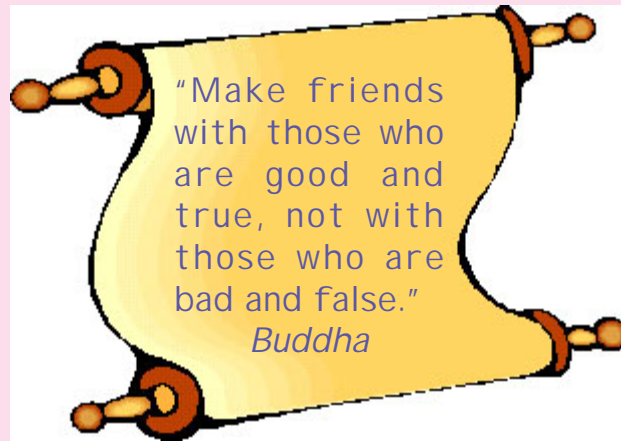


- ☺ Good people are recognised by their gentle thoughts, words and deeds.
- ☺ Their hearts are pure and they help even those who hurt them.
- ☺ They have a steady mind; hurt and praise do not affect them.
- ☺ Good people point the right path to the right goal.
- ☺ A true friend is someone who knows all about you but like you all the same.

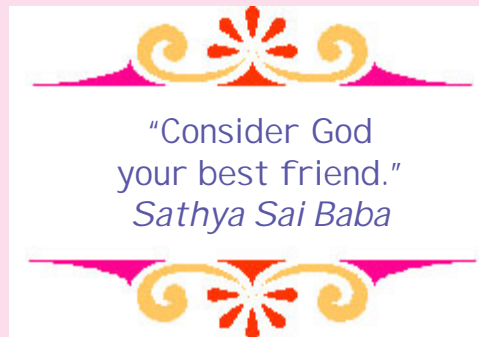


How To Develop Good Company?

- ☺ Consider carefully the places you visit, the environment in which you live and the persons you associate with.
- ☺ Before befriending anyone, inquire into his background, habits and disciplines.



- ☺ Young people should contact men of great character and goodness.
- ☺ Through association with good people through good conduct and good thoughts, one can cultivate virtue and goodness.



Summary

Four rules to be observed:

- ☺ Cultivate good company.
- ☺ Avoid association with evil persons.
- ☺ Do meritorious good deeds always.
- ☺ Remember what is transient and what is eternal.



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