

Pastor's Corner

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I wonder if you have noticed what I was thinking about the other day, that whenever a person starts hanging around another person, they start behaving like that person. This is one of the reasons that as parents we must be careful to encourage our children to spend time with friends who model good behavior.

However, we as adults also tend to fall into the same behavior. Our behavior often reflects the behavior of our friends. Looking back at my life, I can see that clearly now. Even though I really did not desire to act in a certain manner, I would just because my friends were doing it.

The same can be said for our spiritual lives. If we spend time with God, hopefully others will begin to see godly mannerisms in our lives. That is why it is important and vital to attend worship and take an active role in your worshiping community. Unless we spend time with other believers, we tend to lack growth in our spiritual lives.

Being a part of worship, small groups, and Sunday school, along with Bible study and prayer, not only strengthens our understanding of God and God's ways, but brings our behavior closer to that of God.

We say that we love God, but sometimes what we say and what we do are not the same. It is easy to say the words "I love God," but God knows our heart and our heart is revealed in our behavior.

Who is your closest friend? Maybe it is time that you hung out with God a little more.

God bless and keep you,

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