
Peer Pressure

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision. The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.

Galatians 2:11-13

Barnabas (Son of Encouragement) was a good and kind man, but he fell prey to the influence of Peter and the other Jews.

What We Must Learn

Peer pressure is not only felt by the young. Anyone can feel the influence of others, especially of those we respect. It is important that we be fully aware of the strong pull of peer pressure and resist it. Biblically, not “politically,” correct.

In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you; but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

1 Peter 4:4-5

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