

"The Distinctives of Peer Pressure"

Text - 1 Corinthians 15:33

INTRODUCTION: The Bible is full of stories of young men and women who battled with peer pressure. When the pressure was on they either stood their ground or caved in miserably. Either way, their lives are examples of how we should or shouldn't deal with peer pressure today. Let's look at these distinctives and how each contributes to the way we deal with peer pressure.

Influences

Are you bowing under the pressure?

- Drugs
- What you do for love
- Alcohol / Smoking
- Death, taxes and temptation

Intimidation

Bullying

- He knows just how you feel, he was probably bullied himself at one time
- Getting your own life back

Insecurity

Popularity

- You're accepted, not an exception

Individuality

Happy being me

- Forgiving / Forgetting / Forward Progress

Independence

Dealing with the pressure

- Misfits
- Finding the road to freedom

Involvement

Having good friends

- Be-attitudes for friends
- Who are you hanging around?
- Everybody needs somebody, but make sure it's the right somebody