***THE PROBLEMS OF KEEPING BAD COMPANY***

A saying goes, “*show me your friends and I will tell you who you are”* and an African saying that, “*a sheep that moves with dog will definitely eat feces”*. Before I proceed, let me recount, what is meant by a bad company?

A bad company refers to a group of people acting in a deviating manner against the law governing the ethics of nature, human and society. It can also be refers to as a group of people that join multitude in aberrant behavior. This act of eccentricity is not limited to children alone, it pervades the society and it existence is felt among every individual.

The reason people join multitude depends on the upbringing of individuals. This is determined by the nature and nurture of individual. According to psychological study, the nature refers to the hereditary characteristics transferred from one generation to another. This trait can affect the kind of company an individual moved with, to a large extent. An emotional unbalance family could lure individual into moving with people that will satisfy such an emotional need without considering the kind of effect it may produce.

In the context of nurture, an individual tends to react according to the influence the environment has on his behavioural attitude. This external factor goes a long way to shape our norms in society, which later form our habit and metamorphosed into character. Therefore an individual that grows in a polluted environment will definitely be among the victim of the circumstances.

It is not enough for the doctor to diagnose a patient without a remedy being prescribed. Consequently, the following problems are discuss under the heading of keeping bad company as pertain to different institutions with the solution as related to each.

***In school***

An individual that joins bad wagon in school is likely to lose focus in his academic. There is high probability for a student that engaged in such aberrant company to become arrogance to his college and, often disobey the school authority. Also, students that are found in bad company tend to suffer poor academic performance which can lead to examination malpractice. Students that are found in such environment may be rusticated from the school and this may lead to loss of academic carrier or the student projected vision disrupted.

*A student found in such environment should learn to distance his or her self from such group and learn to make excuses so as to avoid any college you notice to be in such group.*

***IN THE OFFICE***

Some workers have formed the habit of joining multitude to acts. Owing to that they are drag into a bad company; soon they turn gossip, engaged in hypocrisy and different sort of aberrant attitude. Unfortunately when their karma is full, it leads to loss of their job which could downside their spirit and some even commit suicide.

*In order to avoid such a bad company, it is advisable for an individual to remain objective in his dealings with his co-workers and give a full concentration to his task in order to attain high productivity. This can later bring a reward that promotes individual integrity and values which could help to avoid moving with the bad company.*

***SOCIETY***

It is an uncontestable fact that majority of us belong to one or more society. This can be in form of social club, organization, peer group and religion. Such a group affects our daily life either positively or negatively.

An individual that falls into a bad company in any society becomes a threat to the society. One of the major reasons that people fall into such category is the peer influence. This variable goes beyond friend alone, it involves the company of people we interact and carried out our daily activities with. A man that is affected by the negative acts, may lose it vision, purpose and sometimes engaged in wanton violence which depict lack of self governing. Furthermore, there are more dangers to keeping a bad company in the society; such as crime, promiscuity, unnecessary extortion, waywardness and degradation in self-value.

*Some of the most effective measures to this abnormality are self- awareness of our action, development of shrewd instinct and ability to stand up for oneself.*

*It is, therefore, advisable to keep awareness of the kind of company we keep, so as to maintain good records and avoid any dent in image.*