

Increase Through Association

Mid-Week Devotionals | Week of August 12th, 2026

***INCREASE THROUGH ASSOCIATION* | BASED ON THE TEACHING OF PASTOR MIREK HUFTON**

DAY:

Monday

TITLE:

You Become Who You Walk With

KEY VERSE:

Proverbs 13:20 -- "He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed."

REFLECTION:

I want to be honest with you about something I've learned over decades of ministry -- who you spend your time with is one of the most spiritually significant decisions you will ever make. This isn't just practical wisdom. This is God's word speaking directly into your life. When I first heard Kenneth Copeland on a single cassette tape back in 1973, something ignited in me that I couldn't explain. That association changed my trajectory permanently. I didn't just hear good teaching -- I caught a spirit of boldness and faith that I had never encountered in my denominational background. Friend, your associations are either lifting you or lowering you right now. There is no neutral ground. God designed us to be shaped by community, by proximity, by relationship. The question I want you to sit with today is simply this: are the people closest to you pulling you upward toward God's purposes, or are they quietly anchoring you to a life below what He has planned?

PRAYER:

Lord, open my eyes today to see clearly who I am walking with and whether those relationships are moving me closer to You. Give me the courage to make the right adjustments without fear. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Write down the names of the three people you spend the most time with and honestly ask yourself whether each one is helping you grow spiritually, financially, and in faith.

DAY:

Tuesday

TITLE:

A Wise Son Is Always Willing to Learn

KEY VERSE:

Proverbs 13:1 -- "A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke."

REFLECTION:

One of the greatest dangers I see -- not just in young people but in all of us -- is the spirit of the scoffer. A scoffer has already decided they know enough. They've stopped leaning in. They've stopped asking questions. They've stopped sitting under voices that challenge them. I remember sitting under Brother Norval Hayes for the first time, listening to him preach with a boldness and an authority over the demonic realm that I had simply never witnessed. I could have dismissed it as too radical. Instead, I leaned in. I associated deeply. I listened to so many hours of his teaching that people said I sounded like him -- and I took that as a compliment. Wisdom doesn't just fall on us. We have to position ourselves to receive it. Today I want to encourage you -- stay teachable. Stay hungry. The moment you think you've arrived is the moment your growth quietly stops.

PRAYER:

Father, keep me from the spirit of pride that tells me I already know enough. Make me a learner today, someone who leans into correction and instruction with an open heart. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Find one piece of teaching -- a sermon, a book, or a chapter of Scripture -- from a minister or leader you deeply respect, and spend at least twenty minutes genuinely receiving from it today.

DAY:

Wednesday

TITLE:

Correction Is a Gift, Not a Punishment

KEY VERSE:

Proverbs 15:5 -- "A fool despises his father's instruction, but he who receives correction is prudent."

REFLECTION:

I'll be transparent with you -- I didn't always love correction. Nobody naturally does. But I've watched over the years what happens to people who refuse it, and what happens to those who embrace it, and the difference in outcomes is staggering. When I was that young man on fire, preaching to those youth and pushing out the skeptics to pray for the twelve, I look back now and see both the passion and the immaturity in the same moment. God used it, but He also sent correction through that church leadership. Rather than being destroyed by it, I let it shape me. The wise son in Proverbs isn't someone who never makes mistakes. He's someone who, when he receives a rebuke, receives it as a gift from God rather than an attack on his identity. Correction is proof that God isn't finished with you. He only corrects those He's still investing in. Let that settle into your spirit today.

PRAYER:

Lord, today I choose to receive correction with an open hand rather than a clenched fist. Show me any area of my life where You've been trying to redirect me, and give me the humility to say yes. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Think of one area where you have recently received correction -- from a spouse, a pastor, a friend, or the Holy Spirit -- and take one small concrete step today to actually apply it.

DAY:

Thursday

TITLE:

The Anointing Is Transferable Through Association

KEY VERSE:

Numbers 27:20 -- "And you shall give some of your authority to him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient."

REFLECTION:

What God did through Moses and Joshua is one of the most profound pictures of increase through association in all of Scripture. Joshua didn't manufacture his own anointing in isolation. He served. He stayed close. He poured water over Moses' hands. And through that sustained proximity and faithfulness, something transferred -- something supernatural, something that would later allow him to command the sun to stand still over Gibeon. I think about my own journey with Brother Norval Hayes, who came to our church nearly every year. I didn't just shake his hand at the door. I sat under his ministry, I listened, I served, and I leaned into what God had placed on his life. And over time, when I went abroad and watched healings happen through my own hands, I recognized -- I had caught something through that association. Friend, the anointing flows. Position yourself under it deliberately and faithfully, and watch what God does in your life.

PRAYER:

Father, I thank You that You don't keep Your anointing locked away from ordinary people. Help me to position myself faithfully under the right spiritual authority so that what You've placed on others can flow into my own life and calling. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Identify one minister, leader, or mature believer whose anointing and fruit you genuinely admire, and make a concrete plan this week to engage more deeply with their teaching or ministry.

DAY:

Friday

TITLE:

Stay in the Flow -- Longevity Has Its Own Reward

KEY VERSE:

Philippians 1:5 -- "For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now."

REFLECTION:

What moves me deeply about Paul's letter to the Philippians is that this wasn't a new relationship. This was decades of sustained fellowship, sustained partnership, sustained association -- and Paul is writing with tears of joy because of it. I've seen so many people come through the doors of this church, get touched by God in a remarkable way, receive healing, breakthrough, financial miracle -- and then drift away. It never stops surprising me. Because the truth is, the anointing that blessed you in this house doesn't stop the moment you walk out permanently. But longevity in the right spiritual environment compounds over time, just like Jerry Savelle's ninety days of saturating himself in Brother Copeland's teaching produced a lifetime of fruitful ministry. I want that for you. I want you to stay in the flow long enough to see what sustained association

produces in your life -- not just a moment, but a movement. Don't quit before the miracle multiplies.

PRAYER:

Lord, give me the staying power to remain faithful to the spiritual community and associations You have planted me in. Keep me from running at the first sign of discomfort, and let longevity produce in me everything You have designed. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Write a brief note of gratitude -- whether a text, a card, or a spoken word -- to one person whose long-term spiritual influence has genuinely shaped who you are today, and let them know specifically what their association has meant to your life.