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We all have heroes. Who are the people you look up to for inspiration? Who are the people whose work turns on a million bulbs within your soul?

I thought that peer pressure was just for teen years until I realized that influence is no respecter of age. It never ceases to work in spite of how much we advance in years. Our outlook in life is largely influenced by those we closely relate with.

Whose company are you keeping? Who is influencing who you are becoming? We become like those we associate with. If we observe intently, we will notice that we hardly ever surpass the level of those closest to us.

Keep the company of people who motivate you and nudge you on. Keep away from those who disparage your ambition and pull you down.

Build relationships with people who model the growth you want. As you associate with like-minded people, you will find yourself wanting to win your own race. John C. Maxwell advises that *if you want to grow up, go up. Associate with people whose achievements exceed your own and model the growth you desire.*

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