

Actions Impact Others

*"Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals"
(1 Corinthians 15:33).*

Actions speak so much louder than words! God knows how the power of your influence works either for evil or for good. Being a godly example is not an option, it is commanded in Scripture. That's the way it works whether you like it or not. *"Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1).*

You influence people everyday through your daily life (at the store, at work, at home, etc). The power of your influence is vast and as a Christian you have influence in the lives of those around you. If your life is not what it should be, others will not want to follow you.

What is influence? Influence - "to affect or alter the conduct, thought, or character of another."

It is important that we do regular evaluations so we can make the necessary changes needed to advance the Kingdom of God on earth. He gives you influence because He uses people to help other people.

Do you live to influence others for His Kingdom? Does the Kingdom demand priority of the top place in your life? How much are you allowing Jesus Christ to be the Lord of your life?

Everyone has influence and we all influence someone. Unfortunately, the church is doing a poor job with influencing others for His Kingdom. We need to get back to a Kingdom heart and perspective.

A mature Christian understands that their actions can impact others. The willingness of people following or being persuaded greatly depends of the kind of examples we become.

Hebrews 10:24 tells us to consider others in order to stir up love and good works. A mature Christian models Christ-like attributes and influences others in positive ways according to biblical standards! The Word of God is our instruction manual to see how Kingdom of God operates on the earth.

Each one of us need to take a look at why we are not doing more in the lives of those around us remembering that it starts in the heart and manifests to those around us. If we don't see real change within us- its not about the Kingdom.

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light

a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house” (Matthew 5:13-16).

The Kingdom is where Jesus Christ is King, and where things are done His way. You must influence others for the Kingdom of God. Your life is the greatest tool you can use. Your personal testimony speaks loudly to those around you.

Your job is to serve others with success, and to influence the world around with His Kingdom. "Christ in you" is the Fathers expectation. God wants to break into the world and He does this through you.

God is calling you to influence those around you with His purposes. When they see you, they see Him.

If you have some extra time over the weekend, here is a great article in Christianity Today-*“Four Ways Christians Can Influence the World”* by John Stott

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2011/october/saltlight.html>

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