

Thermostat or Thermometer

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Romans 12:2).

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We are living in challenging times, where it seems as though everything is being redefined, and original intent is being questioned. It's becoming so easy to get caught up in the direction our society is headed, because to a degree, we are becoming desensitized.

It's important that you remember that you should be thermostats, not thermometers. You should not merely reflect the temperature of the climate of the day, that is, the society you live in, but you should have a positive effect on the temperature itself.

You are called to exercise responsible influence in the things you say and do, as it affects those around you more than you might realize. You should be based solely on the absolute truth of God's word alone!!

Heavenly Father,

Forgive me for all the times I let life dictate how I responded. I long to be what you called me to be. I want to be a Thermostat who leads others to the truth. Help me be the Thermostat, not the thermometer. I don't want to adapt to the energy in the room, I want to influence it! Help me to not react to the environment, but to change the environment. I want to crave only your Word. Lord- I know if You be lifted up, that You will draw men unto Yourself.

I know there's absolutely nothing I can do, good or bad, to cause You to love me any more or less than You already do. However, I can determine how pleased You are with me, based on my level of obedience. Today, I purpose to make You smile. Today, I purpose to be the Thermostat as I walk out the steps that You have mapped for me!
In Jesus Name

“But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?” (2 Corinthians 2:14-16 ESV)

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