

**Reading:** 2 Timothy 2:1,2

**Topic:** Being An Influence  
& Being Influenced

**INTRODUCTION:** Whether we realize it or not, \_\_\_\_\_ of us are being influenced by \_\_\_\_\_ or someone and also we in turn are influencing \_\_\_\_\_ or someone else as we live.

## I. BAD INFLUENCES:

### A. People:

1. The Word of God warns us of what unhealthy human company can \_\_\_\_\_ to an individual and how it can influence a good person to become a \_\_\_\_\_ person. Pr. 4:14-17
2. There are so many examples both in the Word of God and in real \_\_\_\_\_ of how a good person has been ruined by keeping \_\_\_\_\_ with the wrong people. 2 Chron. 22:2-4
3. Unfortunately it happens that many people are \_\_\_\_\_ into families that are living a very wicked life-style and they grow up under an \_\_\_\_\_ influence that they cannot avoid. I Kings 15:25,26
4. Sadly, in many cases, when a \_\_\_\_\_ person chooses the wrong kind of friends to hang out with, the result of is that the \_\_\_\_\_ person often becomes influenced to do \_\_\_\_\_. I Cor. 15:33

### B. Things:

1. If the adversary of our souls cannot get us to be influenced by corrupt \_\_\_\_\_, then he will try to get us to be influenced by corrupt \_\_\_\_\_ in our environment. 2 Kings 18:4
2. In the Old Testament times the things that most often influenced people were \_\_\_\_\_ and the false gods of the pagan \_\_\_\_\_ that were around the people of God. Ex. 23:24
3. In our modern day there are so many avenues of \_\_\_\_\_ influences that can affect each of us individually and it is up to us to guard our own \_\_\_\_\_ and minds from things that could lead us in a pathway of destruction. Pr. 4:23
4. Our smart phones and computers along with the internet provide easy \_\_\_\_\_ to a multitude of potentially harmful influences that could \_\_\_\_\_ our spiritual lives. Ps. 101:3

## II. GOOD INFLUENCES:

### A. People:

1. When you make a choice to come under the influence of a \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual person, they will become an asset to guide you into the \_\_\_\_\_ paths that will bring God's blessing to your life. Jer. 5:5
2. The Word of God has many examples of a good \_\_\_\_\_ becoming a beneficial influence in the lives of other people and guided them to live in a manner that brought \_\_\_\_\_ to many others. 2 Tim. 1:5
3. Even people who have been living under \_\_\_\_\_ influences all of their lives can be changed by coming under the influence of a \_\_\_\_\_ person or persons. Philemon 1:10,11

### B. Things:

1. We can choose to seek out good things that will influence and benefit our \_\_\_\_\_ for good and cause our minds to be filled with \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts rather than negative and destructive ones. Phil. 4:8
2. The music that we choose to \_\_\_\_\_ to, the various sites that we choose to visit on the internet, and what we choose to view with our own \_\_\_\_\_, if we choose wisely, they will influence us for good.

## III. YOUR INFLUENCE:

**A. You Are Influencing:**

1. Whether we like it or not and whether we are \_\_\_\_\_ of it or not, we all are being an influence on someone else in our \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What we say and what we do is so very important because it does \_\_\_\_\_ other people that we are in contact with either for the \_\_\_\_\_ or the evil. I Tim. 4:12

**B. The Bad Influences:**

1. If we choose to be a gossip, a critic, a negative naysayer and a fault-finder, the people that we \_\_\_\_\_ out with are going to be influenced and \_\_\_\_\_ up our bad habits and behavior. Rom. 15:16,17
2. The bad influence that we have on other people will in turn be \_\_\_\_\_ by them to be a negative influence on other people in their \_\_\_\_\_ as well. Num. 14:1-4

**C. The Good Influences:**

1. People that are praying people and full of the Spirit of God will manifest the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit and be a \_\_\_\_\_ influence on the people that are in their circle. Gal. 5:22,23
2. When you choose the life of \_\_\_\_\_, the Word of God and going to the House of the Lord, you will be filled with the \_\_\_\_\_ attitudes and behavior that will influence others for the good. Dan. 12:3

**CONCLUSION:** All of us whether we like it or not are being influenced by \_\_\_\_\_ or someone and also in turn, we are being an influence on \_\_\_\_\_ that we are in contact with, so may we be wise and be a good influence and cause others to be turned to good and Godly things.