

MAN TO MAN

Week 4: Be a Positive Influence

Thought

We were all created in God's image to make Him known to the people around us. We have the opportunity to influence other people's lives every day through the words we say, the things we do, and the places we go. How we live out each day determines the kind of influence we have. We should always aim to live in a way that makes others want to know Jesus!

Scripture

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:5-6

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible...I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the Gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:19, 22b-23

Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."

1 Corinthians 15:33

Discussion Questions

- Using a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the lowest, how would you rate your positive influence? Explain your answer.
- Who are you influencing with your words, your actions, your relationships, and your passions? How do you think the way you live influences them?
- Who is currently influencing you? How does the way they live impact you?

Action Step

What is one intentional step you can take this week to be a positive influence to those around you? Make a list of people who influence you in a positive way, and make plans to connect with one of them this week. Set boundaries to limit the influence of people who impact your life negatively.

