

# The Power of Influence

## Life Class - Lesson 8

**INFLUENCE** - To have an effect on something; power to sway; “the act or power of producing an effect without apparent exertion of force or direct exercise of command; the power or capacity of causing an effect in indirect or intangible ways”

The Bible has much to say on the subject of influence, yet the word itself is not in the English Bible

**1Timothy 4:12** Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

Of young men upon opponents,

**Titus 2:6** Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; <sup>7</sup> in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, <sup>8</sup> sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

Of a Christian upon the ungodly,

**1Peter 2:11** Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Of a godly spouse upon her/his partner,

**1Peter 3:1** In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, <sup>2</sup> as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.

### THE POWER OF EVIL INFLUENCES

**1Corinthians 5:6** Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? <sup>7</sup> Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.

**Proverbs. 22:24** Do not associate with a man given to anger; Or go with a hot-tempered man, <sup>25</sup> Or you will learn his ways And find a snare for yourself.

### THE POWER OF GODLY INFLUENCES

The Flavoring and Preserving Power of a Godly Influence

**Colossians 4:5** Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

**Matthew. 5:13** "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. <sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; Your influence will live on after you are gone, for good or evil.