

The Power of Influence
Isaiah 64:8
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Thesis: I want to show the effects of our influence on others.

Intro:

1. All have influence – good or bad
2. Shine as lights of the world (influence, **Mt 5:16**)

I. Value & Purpose of Influence

A. Value of Influence

1. A good name (**Pro 22:1**)
2. Value in being the Salt of the Earth (**Mt 5:13-14**)

B. Purpose of Influence

1. Others see your good works (**Mt 5:16**)
2. Glorify your Father in heaven (**Mt 5:16**)

II. How do we influence others?

1. In what we say (**Mt 12:34-35**)
2. In what we do (**Phil 1:27**)
3. In how we love (**Jn 13:34-35**)
4. In our faith (**James 2:18**)
5. In spirit we manifest (**Lk 10:27**)
6. In how godly/ungodly we are (**1 Pt 1:15, 2:21-22**)

III. Your influence will live on after death

A. Influence continues on

1. Abel was dead yet lived (**Heb 11:4**)
2. Works follow them (**Rev 14:13**)

B. Life of parents lives on in their children

1. Bring up in admonition of the Lord (**Eph 6:1-3**)
2. Teach your children (**Deut 11:19**)

C. Influence on friends, neighbors, etc – will live on

1. Known by our fruit (**Jn 15:8,16**)
2. World sees our every move (**Mt 5:16**)

Conc:

1. Our influence came be seen throughout our lives and afterwards.
2. Our influence lives on in our children & grandchildren.
3. What type of influence have you had on others?
4. What will God say about it?

Hear

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Believe

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repent

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Confess

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be baptized

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

Remain Faithful

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.