
SERMON OUTLINE

Influence

Selected Proverbs

Definition: Influence is the capacity to have an effect on someone's character, development, or behavior.

I. God pursues us to influence us.

- A. God's influences us so we will reflect and glorify Him (2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 8:29; 12:2; Colossians 3:10; Galatians 4:19; 1 John 3:2).
- B. God influences us through His Word (Hebrews 4:12; 5:12-14), through events (2 Corinthians 12:8-9) and through people.

II. We decide who influences us.

- A. Influencers to avoid
 - 1. Fools (28:10; 14:7)
 - 2. Those who talk too much (20:19)
 - 3. Hot-tempered people (22:24-25)
 - 4. Those who flatter you (5: 3; 26: 24-28; 29:5)
 - 5. Those with addictive lifestyles (23:20; 28:7; 29:3)
 - 6. So be cautious about friends (12:26; 18:24)
- B. Influencers to seek out
 - 1. Listen/Seek out your parent's wisdom (1:8; 4:1, 10, 20; 13:1:23:22).
 - 2. Listen/Seek out wise people (2:20; 13:20).

III. We are meant to influence others.

- A. Being a parent is a position of influence (22:6 etc.)
- B. Being a friend, mentor or teacher is a position of influence (11:30; 27:5-6; 27:17; 22:17-19)