

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1328: How Can We Become Influencers? (Part I)

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1. What is influence? What is an influencer? Where are influencers found besides social media? What or who are the influencers in your life? What are the six common characteristics that draw people into the orbit of an influencer?
2. How did Jesus (without social media) become the world's greatest influencer? Was he wildly popular with a large following? What was he targeting with his message? How is that different from most of today's influencers? Where did the power of his influence come from? What will be the eventual result of Jesus' influence? (John 12:37-50, 5:28,29)
3. How much authority (and therefore control) do you give to the influencers in your life? Are you easily influenced, or do you remain objective with what you see online and with others who have influence over you?
4. What was/is Satan's motivation as an influencer? What was/is Jesus' motivation? (Isaiah 14:12-14, 1 Peter 1:18-20)
 - a. How did each **APPEAR SUCCESSFUL**? (Ezekiel 28:11-17, Philippians 2:6-8)
 - b. How **POPULAR and KNOWLEDGEABLE** did each appear? (Ezekiel 28:13-14, Psalms 40:7-8)
 - c. How was Satan **SELF-SERVING**? How was Jesus different? (Ezekiel 28:14-15, Luke 22:41-42)
 - d. What were the **AGENDAS that DROVE** Satan and Jesus? (Ezekiel 28:16, Isaiah 61:1-2)
 - e. What **SELF-APPOINTED OPPORTUNITY** did Satan grab? What about Jesus?
5. How willing are you to walk away from what is popular and easy, to reach for godly, righteous-based influence? Are you surprised that what the world loves about today's influencers seems to follow Satan's pattern? Explain.
6. Contrast Pharisee Saul as a negative influencer with Apostle Paul as a positive influencer. (Acts 22:17-20, 26:9-11) What did Paul do for his brethren (and us) to bring them higher? (1 Corinthians 4:14-17, 1 Thessalonians 1:2-7)
7. Are those you follow (including your spiritual leaders) filled with integrity, spiritual maturity and righteousness?
8. Contrast a younger Peter as a well-meaning, negative influencer with the mature Peter as a positive one. Explain each lesson below:
 - a. **Pay attention to all instructions sanctioned by God through Christ.** (Acts 1:4-5)
 - b. **Let us hold fast to Scripture while loosely considering our own ideas.** (Acts 1:20-22)
 - a. **Being prayerful does not stop us from making wrong conclusions.** (Acts 1:23-26)
 - b. **The greatest Christian influencers are all led to scriptural truth.** (Acts 2:1-4,14-16)
 - a. **When we follow Christ, we are able to show others how to appropriately follow as well:** (Acts 2:37-42)
9. Are you treating the power of your influence over others with enough importance every day? How are you exerting a good influence that will bring others to God through Christ? How can you improve?