#### **EVERYDAY INFLUENCE**

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A popular definition of leadership these days is the simple phrase: leadership is influence. That's a good way to state it, unless someone erroneously concludes that only leaders have influence. Today we want to look at Scriptures that teach the concept that all of us have influence. If you are breathing, you have influence no matter what your place in life. And if that is the case, how do we ensure that our influence on others is good influence—even godly influence?

# The Biblical Backbone for Everyday Influence

- --1 Peter 5:3
- --John 20:25
- --1 Thessalonians 1: 7
  - "examples"
- 1. Everyday influence occurs when I take time to <u>TEACH</u>
  - --Deuteronomy 6:7
    - "teach"

2. Everyday influence occurs not only by my WORDS but by my

### **ACTIONS**

- --Deuteronomy 6:7
  - "talk"
- 3. Everyday influence occurs in the <u>SIMPLEST</u> of ways

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### **Next Steps**

- This week I will think about who the 2 or 3 people are that I influence the most.
- This week I will use my words to be a more godly influence on those around me.
- This week I will use my actions to be a more godly influence on those around me.



Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to provide questions in abbreviated form each week for personal study and/or discussion for LifeGroups choosing to meet during a portion of the break.

**Lesson Aim:** To grow in our "everyday influence" for Christ.

1. Bill Butterworth spoke to us about the power of "everyday influence". Looking over your notes and thinking about the message last weekend, which key thought spoke to you the most and why?

2. **READ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10.** In what ways is Paul using his words to influence the Thessalonian believers?

3. In what ways have the Thessalonian believers influenced their community for Christ?

4. Generally speaking, who or what influences you to become a better follower of Jesus?

5. In what ways has God used you to influence the lives of others for Christ?

6. What is one application you can make in your life as a result of this week's message/study?

# Daily Devotional Plan

Day 1 – Titus 1

Day 2 – Titus 2

Day 3 – Titus 3

Day 4 – Philemon

Day 5 – Hebrews 1

Day 6 – Hebrews 2

Day 7 – Hebrews 3