

Beware of the Influencers
Matthew 15:32-16:12

What kind of influence should you beware of?

- I. Any influence that puts you at the center
 - A. The sign seeking of the Pharisees and Sadducees (v. 1-3)
 - B. The evil behind sign seeking (v. 4; Matt. 4:5-7)
 - C. Influences that put you at the center
- II. Any influence that focuses you exclusively on the material here and now
 - A. The disciples' superficial response (v. 5-7)
 - B. The danger beneath their response (v. 8-12)
 - C. Influences that focus you on the material here and now

Application Guide:

1. What are the more obvious ways you are influenced? What are the less obvious ways you are influenced? How do you discern the unseen, or less obvious ways?
2. What kind of influences put you at the center? How does certain Bible teaching do this? How does social media do this?
3. What kind of influences focus you exclusively on the material here and now? How does your smart phone do this?