



GOD'S WAY OF BECOMING AN influencer

"INFLUENCER" WEEK 1 NOTES FEBRUARY 19

KEY THOUGHTS

- We crave influence. We've even made a job out of Media Influencer.
- But influence is a good thing. Followers of Jesus have been sent forth to be the light in the world. And light = influence.
- We are influencers; and God's way of influence is better.
- In this series, we'll take a look at the life of Timothy. While it would be easier to look at Paul, who was set up early in life to be an influencer, and who had a supernatural experience which called him to change his influence, most of us aren't like that. We're much more like Timothy.
- Acts 16:1-2 reveals he was brought up by a believing mother and a Greek father. By the way, that made him in many ways unaccepted by either culture. Reference the Samaritans, who also had mixed faiths in their story.
- Timothy co-authored 2 Corinthians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians and Philemon. He also became the first bishop (overseer) of the churches in Ephesus. He was significant.
- God began His work in Timothy in an unspectacular way. 2 Timothy 1:5 – For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.
- God habitually influences through the accumulation of small, faithful actions.
- So whether it is parenting or step-parenting, how you care for friends, or other ways in which God grants you influence, recognize it is His normal method to use the repeated small acts of obedience to cause change in others.
- 2 Timothy 1:5 is very unspectacular, AS IS the normal ways God exerts influence.

SCRIPTURES

- Acts 16:1-2
- 2 Timothy 1:5

PRACTICAL & REFLECTION

- Do you think your desire to influence others is the way God would have it to be?
- Are you patient enough to simply do the small, faithful tasks that fit God's normal plan to be an influencer?