

## A Mother's Influence Mother's Day

### 1 Thessalonians 2:17-20

<sup>17</sup> But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, <sup>18</sup> because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. <sup>19</sup> For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? <sup>20</sup> For you are our glory and joy.

### 2 Corinthians 3:1-3

It's not \_\_\_\_\_ you build, but \_\_\_\_\_ you build that will be your  
\_\_\_\_\_!

### 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

A. Influence begins with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!

### 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

B. If you want to have influence, you'll have to be \_\_\_\_\_!!

### 1 Corinthians 3:1-3

C. The curriculum of influence is determined by the \_\_\_\_\_ and the  
\_\_\_\_\_!

### 1 Corinthians 4:1-16

D. Influence understands it's not about \_\_\_\_\_!

## Discussion Questions

### INTRODUCTION

On Mother's day we remember and celebrate the influence of moms. When at her best, mom is a person to be admired. However, she also is someone to be emulated. What can mom teach us about how to influence and build-up the people around us?

### GETTING STARTED

1. In what way did mom influence your life? If mom wasn't there, who else filled the role, at least in part? What did they do to influence you?
2. What do you know about building people up? Do you spend time thinking about doing it? Do you have an approach that you've found effective? Describe.

### BIBLE IDEA

3. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:17-20 written by Apostle Paul. How would you describe Paul's attitude toward the people in that church? How does your attitude toward people in your church compare to Paul's attitude?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 3:1-6. Paul's ultimate contribution were the people he invested in. What is the ultimate contribution that you aspire to? How does it compare to Paul's?
5. Do you believe that building into other people is the best thing you can do with your life? Why or why not? If not, what would be a greater contribution that you would hope to make?

### NEXT STEPS

6. Sean shared the secrets to influence: affirmation, authenticity, letting life be the curriculum, and self-sacrifice? Which of these are strengths for you? Where can you improve?
7. Who is the person you are building up, today? How are you doing it?