More time spent with fewer people leads to greater lasting impact for the Kingdom of God.

BSU Christian Challenge
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Study Series

Influence
The Power To Change a Life

1. In your own words, define influence.__________________________________________

2. How has someone influenced you lately (good or bad)?___________________________

3. Whose example should influence us? Ephesians 5:1
   John 13:12-15________________________ 1 Corinthians 11:1________________________

4. Read Galatians 2:11-14
   • Who did Peter influence? How?__________________________________________
   • Who or what influenced Peter negatively?____________________________________
   • Who influenced Barnabas negatively?________________________________________
   • Most influence is unintentional, not intentional. Do you agree?  YES  NO
   • Who influenced Peter positively?____________________________________________
   • What do you think caused Paul to stand up to Peter and confront him?________
   • In order for influence to be intentional, what must happen?____________________

5. Read 1 Corinthians 8:9-13
   • Who are you to watch out for?______________________________________________
   • What was Paul willing to give up forever to keep his brother from sin?________
   • Is there anything in your life that could cause your brother/sister to sin? Discuss_________________________________________________________________________
   • Is there anything in your life you are unwilling to give up to keep your
     brother/sister from sin?  YES  NO
   • What are you afraid to give up?______________________________________________

6. TRUE  FALSE  My freedom stops at the weakness of my brother/sister.
   What do you think this means?______________________________________________
Rewrite these verses in your own words:

8. Is your influence mostly unintentional? Or intentional?
   - When it is unintentional, do you think it is mostly positive or mostly negative? Explain.
   - When it is intentional is it mostly positive or mostly negative? Explain.
   - What comments do you have regarding your answers?

9. Read 1 Corinthians 10:23 – 11:1
   - What things are permissible for you?
   - Whose good should you be seeking?
   - Who can you allow to stumble?
   - What is the result of the body of Christ doing these things?
   - What do you do that may not be for God's glory?
   - Whose example sets the standard for the way we should influence others?
   - Personalize this statement by finishing it in your own words. "Everything is permissible for me..."

10. Read 1 Corinthians 15:33-34
    - Who/What is influencing you negatively?
    - What connection do character and influence have?
    - In what areas/ways do you need to come back to your senses? How?

11. Read 1 Timothy 4:12
    - Grade yourself in how you influence those around you in these five areas of the verse:
(Scale of A, B, C, D, F)

Speech ______
Life ______
Love ______
Faith ______
Purity ______

• What actions/character qualities do you need to build into your life over the next month to ‘improve your grade’?

• How are you going to do this? (Applications should be personal, provable, and possible!)


MEMORIZE 1 Timothy 4:12

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