

What if it's True?
God's Secret Agents?

2 Cor 5:20-21 MSG

20 We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you. 21 How? you say. In Christ. God put the wrong on him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God.

1 Cor 7:14 NLT

14 For the Christian wife brings holiness to her marriage and the Christian husband brings holiness to his marriage. Otherwise, your children would not have a godly influence, but now they are set apart for him.

Are you committed to influence others for His cause?

Jer 15:19-20 TLB

19 The Lord replied: "Stop this foolishness and talk some sense! Only if you return to trusting me will I let you continue as my spokesman. You are to influence them, not let them influence you!"

Influence means the affect a person or thing has on another.

Impact, impression, persuade, motivate

Things to know about influence

1. Comes in various forms

A. Worldly influences

1 John 2:16-17 TLB

16 for all these worldly things, these evil desires-the craze for sex, the ambition to buy everything that appeals to you, and the pride that comes from wealth and importance-these are not from God. They are from this evil world itself. 17 And this world is fading away, and these evil, forbidden things will go with it, but whoever keeps doing the will of God will live forever.

B. Temptations

C. Selfishness

D. Wrong mindsets – unrenewed minds (spiritually minded)

E. People

1 Cor 15:33 NIV

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character.

- friends pulling you away from what God wants
- negative people, disgruntle, critical, - will poison you

F. God's Word and Spirit

2 Tim 3:16-17 NKJV

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2. How to influence others – (the irresistible Factor)

Titus 2:10b NIV

so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.

Irresistible means too strong and convincing to resisted, to be appealing and attractive.

A. Worship – Passionate, fully engaged, giving Him our love

B. Friendly – building relationships, doing life together – Come to church not just to receive but to minister

C. Language of Faith - positive & faith filled, building people up, (negative world – positive is attractive) –Thankful people

D. Word of God – standard of truth

As we embrace the teaching of Jesus - We make Him attractive

E. Enthusiasm and Joy – excited about the family getting together Looking forward to hearing God's word- corporate worship, etc.

F. Stability and strength – anchor of our soul – our Hope in God

people of integrity, Character, People of character not a bunch of characters

G. New people – always reaching out to others, ministry of reconciliation, Growing

H. Love – known for our love

God's love for us should cause us to love Him in such a way that it is demonstrated in our attitude, conduct and commitment to serve Him