



## *Chalmette Church of Christ*

*January 31, 2010*

### *“Influence”*

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:" (1 Peter 2:21)

You know, almost everyone follows someone, maybe even without knowing or being conscious of it and sometimes by overt choice. Have you ever stopped to think about those who have been the greatest influence in your life? Those who come to mind might be a school teacher or maybe a Sunday school teacher. It might be a parent or grandparent or maybe an aunt or uncle or sibling. Maybe the one who has made the most impact on your life is a Christian brother or sister, or maybe a co-worker. That person might have been a neighbor or just a casual acquaintance. Who is it that has said, or done, or been an example to you to the degree that it has changed your behavior or outlook on life? Influence is a powerful force.

Obviously there is good and bad influences all around us. We try to protect our children from those who we deem might be a negative influence in their lives. The apostle Paul writes, "Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits." (1 Corinthians 15:33 NKJV) Paul also gives warnings in 2 Corinthians 6 about being "unequally yoked with unbelievers" because of the poor influence and example of the ungodly upon those who are godly people. The idea behind the popular jewelry item bearing the letters "WWJD" (What Would Jesus Do) is intended to remind us of the source of a good, positive influence or example.

Does the person or persons that you have thought of who has been that influence in your life, know that they have influenced you? That person, quite possibly does not know how they have influenced you.

The point being, we also are influencing those around us, even some whom we might not be aware. Who is watching your behavior? Who is listening to your word? Rest assured, someone is. Our perfect Lord is the perfect example. As Peter stated in our text, "...that ye should follow his steps," He is the example of purity. He is the epitome of obedience. He is the ultimate in humility. He teaches us how to pray. He is love.

He trusted to the max in the only one who could deliver Him from suffering. He is the true forgiver. He is our guide, "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6 NKJV). He is our savior, "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10 NKJV).

How is your influence? Are you a good influence in your service to God as a Christian? Are you the kind of person that is trustworthy? Do you influence others for good by your perseverance? Is your honesty an example to those around you? Are you a good influence on others by your hospitality? Is your influence that of one who is responsible? Are you one who is a good example of a willing worker?

The Bible uses leaven's effect as an example of sin's effect, sort of like the old rotten apple adage. That leaven principle can be applied in a positive way as well. A good, wholesome, positive influence can work in the same way. The point being, there are two kinds of influence, good and bad. Some examples of a bad influence are: using bad language, dishonesty, being a hypocrite, unfaithfulness. Examples of a good influence are: return good for evil, trying to always do what is right, putting the Lord first in our lives.

Your influence is a powerful force. That influence may be destructive or productive. It is a great blessing to learn that someone has looked to you as a positive influence for good. It is equally sad when you learn that your negative behavior has led someone down that destructive path or that they have used you as an example to justify their poor behavior.

What kind of example are you? Are you an influence for good? If not, why not? Remember, others who are easily influenced are watching.

By: Roger Comstock

## WITHOUT GOD...

### OUR WEEK WOULD BE:

**Sunday,**

**Mournday,**

**Tearsday,**

**Wasteday,**

**Thirstday,**

**Fightday,**

**Shatterday,**

**Seven days without God- Makes one  
Weak!**

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In Search of the Lord's Way

## I'm Packing

I'm packing to go to heaven.

I started in '35.

I decided to follow Jesus

For as long as I'm alive.

First, I laid a foundation

As it told me in His Word.

I know the road to take

From teaching and preaching I've  
heard.

Next, I packed the Bible

As a map along the way.

I check it very often

So that I would not stray.

It seems a long time on the road.

There have been boulders to detain  
me.

But the Lord has been beside me,

That surely is the key.

He knows my heart and every thought

And helps me when I ask.

He knows my frailties too,

And gives me strength for the task.

So, I am still busy packing.

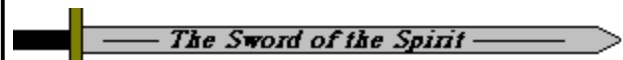
He won't let me take any strife.

I'll just cast my burdens on Him

So I'll be ready at the end of my life.

**Keep Your Sword Sharpened...**

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# Kid's Korner

**See if you can answer the following questions:**

**Answers from last week:**

1. Matthew 2. Judas 3. Timothy 4. Zacchaeus 5. Nazareth

**New Testament Novice**

1. My sister Mary sat at Jesus' feet; she wouldn't help prepare the food to eat.
2. Jesus' first miracle came as guests did dine; at a wedding feast in Cana he turned \_\_\_\_\_ into wine.
3. When the Savior I found my brother I took to see; the Lord said gently come and follow Me.
4. Judas cast off his apostleship the need for another was real; by lot of the 11, I was chosen the office of Judas to fulfill.
5. Tending our flocks in the fields we heard angels begin to sing; "Glory to God in the highest," born this night is Christ the King.

**Tune in next week to see if you got all the answers correct!**



The food pantry at the Church Building is running very low. Please remember to bring non-perishable items if possible!

## *Cleaning Schedule*

*Month of February—Need a volunteer*



### Upcoming Events

February 21- Singing and Fellowship Meal

February 28- Ladies Class

### February Birthdays

17 Bruce Scariano

18 Claudia Smith

24 Edmond Gautreaux

26 Crystal Russell



# Prayer List



**Mary Jo Lance  
Malcolm Vasquez  
Joe Riley  
Alice Riley  
Sherry Towle  
Betty Grisham  
Sheila Matthews  
Burnell Rogers  
Margo  
Claudia Smith  
Lisa Lance  
Vickie Swanner  
Patricia Rodney  
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**Services of The Church  
Sunday**

Bible Classes 9:00 am  
AM Worship 10:00 am  
PM Worship 6:00 pm

**Wednesday**

Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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