

The Influence We Bear

*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."
John 1:5, English Standard Version*

An influencer can affect others' _____. Does Christ have them?

Christ's Followers As Influencers

A. Two images to show us who we are to be:

1. Matthew 5:13 – We are the _____ of the _____. We must be careful to not lose our _____.
2. Matthew 5:14-16 – We are the _____ of the _____. By our _____ deeds others may be led to _____ the Father.
3. Genesis 1:3 – The first thing _____ was _____.
4. Psalm 36:9 – By God's _____ we are able to see _____.
5. Genesis 29:23-25 – Light would have _____ Jacob's actions that night.

B. John 1:4,5 – The influence we bear is _____; the _____ cannot _____ it.

How We Bear Our Influence To The World

A. Matthew 28:19,20 – Being an influencer for Christ is not _____. Every Christian is to be a _____, _____ all He commands.

B. Essentials for Christ's influencers:

1. Matthew 5-7 – The _____ on the _____ is a must-read for Christians. This shows what Jesus _____ of us.
2. Galatians 5 – The calling of every Christian:
 - a. 5:16-18 – We are to _____ by the _____.
 - b. 5:19-21,24 – We must _____ the flesh.
 - c. 5:22,23 – We must cultivate the _____ of the _____.
Against such there is no _____ - people like it!
3. 1 Peter 3:1,2 – Husbands can be _____ by _____ their wives' _____ ("without a _____").
4. Psalm 34:8 – Encourage others to _____ and see that God is _____.

C. Romans 12:21 – We can _____ evil with _____.

2 Corinthians 4:5,7 – We don't proclaim _____, but _____ Christ as _____. We have _____ in _____ of clay.

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