

SERMON TOPIC: CHANGE YOUR WORLD

SERMON OUTLINE

(Matthew 5:14-16 TLB) You are the world’s light—a city on a hill, glowing in the night for all to see. Don’t hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father.

(Jeremiah 15:19 NLT) You are to influence them; do not let them influence you!

(2 Corinthians 10:13-16 ESV) ...the area of influence God assigned to us is to reach you... But our hope is that as your faith increases, our area of influence may be greatly enlarged, so that we may preach the gospel in lands beyond you.

INTRODUCTION

We all desire to make a difference in our own world. The secret to changing the world we live in is using our influence to make a difference for the Kingdom. In this series we are learning that we are all part of a sphere of influence that, if we leverage properly, can literally change our world. Equipped with this understanding of God-given influence, we will all begin to make a difference that's beyond what we have ever dreamed!

KEY POINTS

There are Seven Streams of Influence

1. Church.
2. Government.
3. Arts and Entertainment.
4. Education.
5. Business.
6. Media.
7. Family.

(Matthew 5:13 TEV) You are like salt for the whole human race.

(Matthew 5:16 CEV) Let your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven.

THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

1. WHY?

(Hebrews 13:16 GW) Don't forget to do good things for others and to share what you have with them. These are the kinds of sacrifices that please God.

(Ephesians 2:10) For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

2. WHERE?

(Exodus 4:2) Then the Lord said to Moses, “What is that in your hand?” “A staff,” he replied. God said, “Throw it on the ground.”

(Galatians 6:4 Message) Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that.

3. HOW?

(Proverbs 3:27-28 Message) Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is God’s hand for that person. Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now.

(Isaiah 58:10-11) And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land.

SUMMARY

We need to talk to God, setting and keeping an appointment with Him in a certain time and place, and having a plan in mind so that we can talk to Him effectively. Then, we must read and submit to God’s Word. It’s not enough for us to read the Word – we need to submit to what it says. We must also maintain meaningful relationships. We simply cannot maintain spiritual health or continue to grow without others. And finally, we need to surrender our lives to God every day. If we recommit our lives to Him each day, we remind our spirit Who is in charge, and we can live freely in spiritual order.

