**Change YOUR World (Graphic)**

Week 1: “A Church Influenza”

1. When the church uses its influence there is an outbreak of lives changed.
2. You don’t have to have it all together to be an influence for Christ.
3. Influence is a byproduct of intimacy with God.

**Change YOUR World:** “Your Influence”

“If you think you’re too small to make a difference, you haven’t spent the night with a mosquito.” -African Proverb

(Exodus 4:1-5)

“Moses answered, “**What if they do not believe me or listen to me** and say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you’?” Then the Lord said to him, “**What is that in your hand**?” “A staff,” he replied. The Lord said, “Throw it on the ground.” Moses through it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. Then the Lord said to him, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail.” So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. “**This,” said the Lord, “is so that they may believe** that the Lord, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you.”

1. Your **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1)

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, **do it for the glory of God**. **Do not cause anyone to stumble**, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God—even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, **that they may be saved**. Follow **my example**, as I follow **the example of Christ**.”

What is more likely? People are going to pick up a Bible and read it? Or, **people are going to look at your life and want it**?

1. Your **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(John 9:24-25)

“A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God by telling the truth,” they said, “We know this man is a sinner.” He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I do not know. **One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see**!”

(John 9:26-27)

“They asked him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered, “I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? **Do you want to become his disciples too**?”

 The strongest evidence in any case is a **personal testimony**.

1. Your **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(Colossians 4:5)

“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.”

You cannot be like the hypocrites and **talk about principles** and **live by preferences**. Inconsistency will dilute and destroy godly influence.