

Change Your World Part 1: Stewardship of Influence

(Acts 17:26-28 NIV84) From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being.

(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.

The Seven Streams of Influence

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

Memory Verse:

(Matthew 5:13, 14, 16 GNT) You are like salt for the whole human race... You are like light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid... In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.

Three Questions

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 NIV) For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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.

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." John Wesley

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."