Evil Influences

Influence

'Radicalized'

Influence: The power of persons or things to affect others

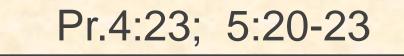
In world, not of world (1 Jn.2)

- 15: not location, but evil system
 - Under satan's control (5:19)
 - Opposed to God (Jn.15:19)
 - Jn.1:10, Jesus
- 15: love world: people, not evil (16)
- 16: world: forbidden desires (Gn.3)
- 17: we must overcome peer pressure

I. Evil Influences – Words of Warning

Learn from . . .

Solomon, 1 K.11:3-4



Solomon ignored his own warning.

- Be what you are Mt.5:13-16 13: description: salt. Gn.19 13: danger: lose flavor. Ac.4:13 13: destiny: cast out (Mt.8:12) 14: description: light [shines] 14-15: domain: 14, world: seen by all, Mt.28:19; Ph.2:15
 - 14, city: seen by community
 - 15, house: seen by family

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- 14-15: domain: world, city, house
- 15: danger: hide light
 - Basket business

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Also He said to them, "Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand?"

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14-15: domain: w

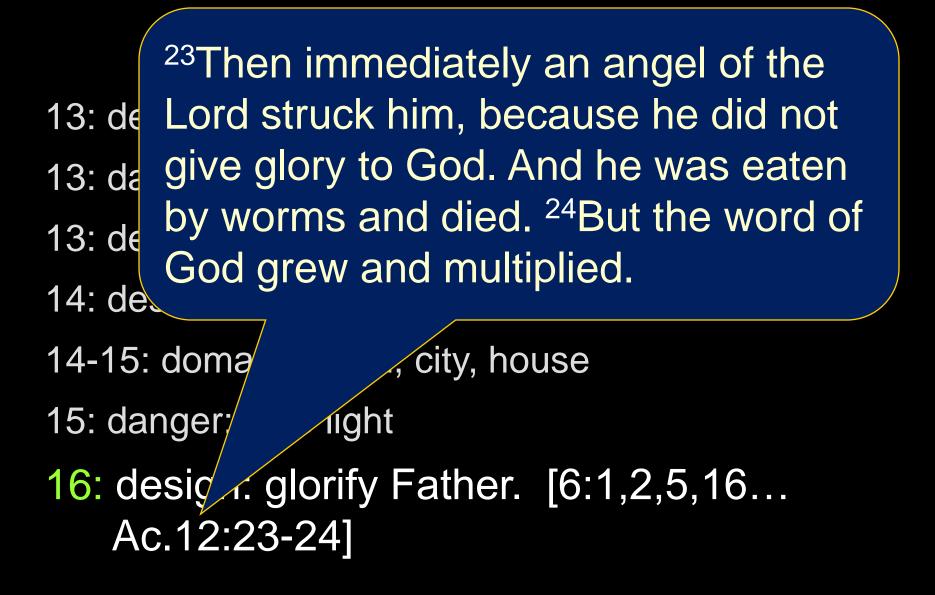
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- 16: design: glorify Father. [6:1,2,5,16... Ac.12:23-24]

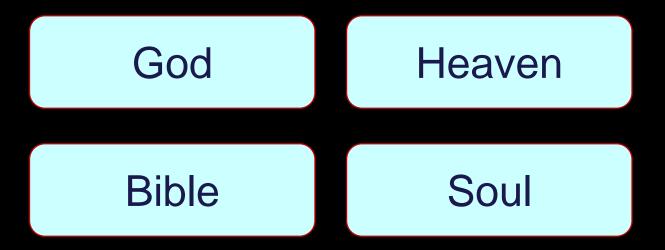


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II. Evil Influences – Worlds of Wickedness

U.S. Decline

- Affluence: rich in money, ruined in morals
- Money distracts from . . .



U.S. founded on biblical principles "Judeo – Christian ethics" Now largely abandoned Pornography. Mt.5:27-28; Ex.20:17 Abortion. Mt.5:21-22; Ex.20:13; Ps.139

 Fornication. Gn.2:21-25; Ep.5:22-33; Nu.25

Sodomy. Gn.18-19; Ro.1

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III. Evil Influences – Way to Win

 Admit power of influence Mt.17:24-27...
 Jesus: perfect example.
 Concern for one action.
 Could be a stumbling-block.

Will my imperfect example influence <u>others</u>?

Will imperfect example of others influence <u>me</u>?

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NOT by leaving world, Gn.6

- \odot NOT by avoiding all sinners, Lk.5
- NOT by leaving every 'evil' relationship, 1 Pt.3

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AVOID / LIMIT evil influences, Pr.7:8-9
1. Place: don't go near.
2. Period: don't go at night.

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- AVOID / LIMIT evil influences, Pr.7:8-9
 Perilous pals, Pr.22:24-25
 - Contagious con-men, Lk.12:1
 - Immoral infection, 1 Co.5:6-8
 - Talking terrorists, Ga.5:7

1. Acknowledge power of influence 2. Avoid temptations...if possible 3. Associate with Christians who build up Acts 2:42 'Fellowship'

Close relationship. Joint participation. Common goal. 1 Th.5:11

Hb.10:24-25