

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

Pr.4:23; 5:20-23

- 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
- **Bed** – (Mk.4:21) – laziness; indifference

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13: descriptive

13: danger:

13: destiny:

14: descriptive

14-15: domain: world, house

15: danger: highlight

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- Bed – (Mk.4:21) – laziness; indifference

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

²³Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died. ²⁴But the word of God grew and multiplied.

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14-15: doma, city, house

15: danger: night

16: design: glorify Father. [6:1,2,5,16...

Ac.12:23-24]

I. Evil Influences – Words of Warning

II. Evil Influences –
Worlds of Wickedness

U.S. Decline

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

God

Heaven

Bible

Soul

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

1. Admit power of influence

Mt.17:24-27. . .

- a. Jesus: **perfect** example.
- b. Concern for **one** action.
- c. Could be a **stumbling-block**.

Will my imperfect example
influence others?

Will imperfect example of
others influence me?

1. Acknowledge power of influence
2. Avoid temptations if possible

Mt.6:13

- NOT by leaving world, Gn.6
- NOT by avoiding all sinners, Lk.5
- NOT by leaving every 'evil' relationship,
1 Pt.3

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Mt.6:13

- 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