

Becoming a Person of Influence

Acts 28:1-10

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- Was there a person who influenced you for Christ? You can do the same!
- How can you become a person of influence for Jesus Christ? Let's look into this text and learn from the apostle Paul.

First, by possessing a servant's _____ – vs. 1-3

- *"But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."* **Matthew 20:26-28**

Second, by understanding that _____ often increase our influence – vs. 3

- Trials (coupled with our godly response) often increase our influence for Jesus Christ.
- How often God can use our afflictions to enlarge our work for Him, to open up doors that otherwise would have remained closed, and to _____ more people for Christ!

Third, by remaining the _____, regardless of public opinion – vs. 4-6

- *"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived..."*

- "...But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them." **2 Timothy 3:13-14**
- "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."
2 Timothy 4:2-4
- Christians who try to mold their lives to fit whatever crowd they're in will never become people of influence. People may **like** you, but deep down they won't _____ you.

Fourth, by using their God-given _____ to touch the lives of others – vs. 7-10

- Every believer has been given spiritual gifts from the hand of God, and has a choice to make:
 - ⇒ _____ their gifts by not using them.
 - ⇒ Seek to _____ others by using their gifts.
- A person that will influence others for Christ does not allow God-given gifts to lie dormant, but uses those gifts to touch the lives of _____.

- What about you today? How is your influence for Jesus Christ – at home, at work, on the ball team, etc.?
- You can make a _____ in other people's lives, just like Paul did.