



GOD'S WAY OF BECOMING AN influencer

"INFLUENCER" WEEK 4 NOTES MARCH 12

KEY THOUGHTS

- Some review by way of excuses we use for not being influential:
 - I don't have big platform – God habitually influences through the accumulation of small faithful actions.
 - I'm not famous, especially talented, or have a lot of followers – A godly lifestyle is all the platform you need.
 - I don't see my influence working – IT TAKES TIME! You won't ever see a good portion of the results of your influence.
 - TODAY: I'm not sure I'm willing to pay the price – You're asking the wrong questions.
- Timothy was a Jewish follower of Jesus who had not been circumcised.
- Galatians 5:1-6,12 reveal what Paul thought about circumcision being required for Gentiles who came to faith in Jesus – Acts 15 also shows that Paul had rigorous argument with Jewish leaders that circumcision was not necessary. Then how does Acts 16:1-3 happen? Why have Timothy circumcised?
- Theological implications: Paul wanted Timothy to remove any removable obstacles. In order to reach the Jews, Timothy would be circumcised. Not all obstacles to the gospel can be removed, but Paul was in favor of removing the removable ones.
- Practical implications: This hurt!! Timothy took a step in doing this that was a painful step! He was willing to do this because the way he made decisions changed...
- How we tend to make decisions:
 - **What do I want?**
 - **How much will it cost me?**
 - Is it worth it for me?
- How God's influencer makes decisions:
 - **What does Jesus want?**
 - How much will it cost me?
 - **Is it worth it for others?**

SCRIPTURES

- Galatians 5:1-6,12
- Acts 16:1-3

PRACTICAL & REFLECTION

- Do I make decisions mostly based on how people normally make them, or based on how God's influencers make decisions?
- Am I truly willing to do things which cost me significantly, for the sole reason that it's best for others?