

INFLUENCING OTHERS FOR GOD

YOUR LIFE AS A CHRISTIAN IS ABOUT LIVING FOR OTHERS - Mark 12:30-31.

It is better for ourselves if we were in heaven, but it is better for others if we stay on earth and minister to them for their progress and joy (Philippians 1:21-26). How then should we live?

I. PRAY FOR OTHERS – Romans 12:12

It is not up to us to spiritually change people, but it is up to God, and we need to ask God to do that, to work in a person's heart and change their life. Matthew 7:7

II. BE HUMBLE IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS – Philippians 2:3-5

Be humble by viewing others as more important than yourself, by seeing yourself as the servant of others, both the saved and the lost. Luke 22:24-27, Numbers 12:3

III. LOVE PEOPLE – 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient and forbearing, in that you put up with another person's faults and sins. Love is kind, is good to others, and giving to others. Love is forgiving, in that you don't hold a person's sins against them. Love is compassionate, in that you care for people in an emotional, empathetic and sympathetic way. Love is sacrificial. 2 Corinthians 12:15

IV. ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER – Romans 15:7

Accept one another with regards to another person's preferences, in grey areas, in how they do things, in how they use their time, money, etc. Take people where they are at. Do not make judgments when it comes to areas of sin. 1 Corinthians 8, Romans 14

V. UNDERSTAND OTHERS – 1 Peter 3:7

God wants you to try to understand what others are going through. Spend time with people, ask questions, listen to them, and see how they are doing. James 1:19, Luke 2:46

VI. BE HOLY – 1 Peter 1:16

Only the person who is living a godly and holy life can be truly affective for God, and can affect others. Being holy is necessary if you are to be a good example, and with power and love, be able to influence others. 1 John 2:15-16, 2 Timothy 2:21

VII. BE AN EXAMPLE OF GODLY LIVING - 1 Timothy 4:12

One of the main ways you affect the lives of other people is by the example you set, in areas of faith, hope, love, holiness, diligence, prayer, etc. Your example is powerful, whether it is in things you say or don't say, or things you do or don't do. Philippians 3:17

VIII. INSTRUCT OTHERS - Ephesians 4:15

God wants you to tell others what He wants them to know and do. You are not to be silent, but are to speak the truth of God in love. Tell people the truth about God, man, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the church, salvation and Christ's 2nd coming. Hebrews 4:12

IX. CORRECT OTHERS – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

You are to correct other Christians. With the unbelievers, you are to share the gospel. When correcting Christians, it must be done in love, with forgiveness, patience, gentleness and understanding. Galatians 6:1

X. ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER – Hebrews 3:12-13, 10:25

People get sad and discouraged, and God wants you to encourage them, to help them have faith in God, to be rejoicing and obedient. It means discerning their real need. It means sharing the truth; it means loving them; it means being a good example; it means being compassionate; it means pointing them to Jesus. Matthew 11:28

GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS,
BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT,
TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I COMMANDED YOU;
AND LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE.
Matthew 28:19-20

SOME QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

1. What is the main thing that you believe God wants you to learn from this lesson?
2. Do you believe God wants to use you in the lives of others?
3. What is your principle duty in your relationships with others?
4. Why is prayer so important when it comes to influencing others for God?
5. Why is humility a key component in affecting others for God?
6. How do you believe your example is affecting the lives of others?
7. How specifically do you think God wants to use you in the lives of other people?