

I'm IN!

I Samuel 12 :24

Be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.

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II Corinthians 5:17-21

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Therefore if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come. Now everything is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed the message of reconciliation to us. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; certain that God is appealing through us, we plead on Christ's behalf, "Be reconciled to God." He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

II Corinthians 5:20

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I. No one is exempt from being Influential.

Matthew 5:13-16 (HCSB)

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? It's no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled on by men. "You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

II. Our Influence has only one Purpose.

"God...gave us the ministry of reconciliation."

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William Barclay

“A Christianity whose effects stop at the church door is not much use to anyone. It should be even more visible in the ordinary activities of the world. It should be visible in the way we treat a shop assistant across the counter, in the way we order a meal in a restaurant, in the way we treat our employees or serve our employer, in the way we play a game or drive a car, in the daily language we use or the literature we read. A Christian should be just as much a Christian in the factory, the workshop, the schoolroom, the hospital, the kitchen, the golf course, or the playing field as he is in church.”