

## We Are Being Influenced All The Time

**John 16:13-14 AMPC** But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future]. [14] He will honor and glorify Me, because He will take of (receive, draw upon) what is Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.

**1 John 5:19-20 AMPC** We know [positively] that we are of God, and the whole world [around us] is under the power of the evil one. [20] And we [have seen and] know [positively] that the Son of God has [actually] come to this world and has given us understanding and insight [progressively] to perceive (recognize) and come to know better and more clearly Him Who is true; and we are in Him Who is true-in His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah). This [Man] is the true God and Life eternal.

**2 Corinthians 4:4 AMPC** For the god of this world has blinded the unbelievers' minds [that they should not discern the truth], preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (the Messiah), Who is the Image and Likeness of God.

Whenever we act, talk, and make decisions, we are being spiritually influenced. Our Father God has put the Holy Spirit in us to lead us, guide us, and to influence us to live like Him. However, nonbelievers do not have this influence; they have another spirit influencing them. Let's look at these Scriptures that bear this out.

**Ephesians 2:2 KJV** Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

**1 John 5:19 KJV** And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

**John 17:14-16 KJV** I have given them Thy Word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. [15] I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil. [16] They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Don't get me wrong, Christians can be influenced by the devil; if they don't put God's truth first place in their lives. I've been in the ministry for over 40 years; and I've watched so many of my brothers and sisters, including myself, be deceived by the god of this world. We are born again, and we are going to Heaven when we physically die. However, while we are on the earth, the devil can get us to live outside of God's will, if we don't yield to the influence of our Father God. The Holy Spirit in us and the Word of God we study continually will stop satanic influences in our life. Jesus prayed for us that we would be kept from the evil that is in this world.

Every day thoughts come to our mind that are from Holy Spirit or from a demonic spirit. We are listening to people everyday that are being influenced by one of these two sources. We must become spiritually minded to discern how to not be influenced by the devil.

**1 Corinthians 2:14-15 NCV** A person who does not have the Spirit does not accept the truths that come from the Spirit of God. That person thinks they are foolish and cannot understand them, because they can only be judged to be true by the Spirit. [15] The spiritual person is able to judge all things, but no one can judge him.

I'm convinced that we are living in the last days before Jesus comes back. The Bible says in **Matthew 24:11-13 KJV** And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. [12] And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. [13] But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

We must spend time seeking God's influence in our lives. Here are some things you can do...listen to the Word of God being preached and taught; study your Bible and pray; get around brothers and sisters that are seeking God too. As I close, remember that if you are influenced by God, the devil will not be able to deceive you; and you will live a life of Heaven on the earth.

Love you,  
Pastor Paul

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#### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday 1 Peter chapter 2  
Tuesday 1 Peter chapter 3  
Wednesday 1 Peter chapter 4  
Thursday 1 Peter chapter 5  
Friday 2 Peter chapter 1  
Saturday 2 Peter chapter 2  
Sunday 2 Peter chapter 3

#### \*Upcoming Events

1. **Women's Dance Aerobics:** 10-11am Mon - Fri.
2. **Mobile Prayer:** Wednesdays 2-3:30pm in our Lee-side parking lot;  
Fridays 2-3:30pm Sam's Warehouse
3. **Noonday Bible Study:** In Sanctuary; live on KJRF 91.1fm; live stream on TCC app.12:15 Mon-Fri
4. **Horse Ministry:** Saturday 10am-1pm at Camp Faith

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\*\*Here is a list of the many gatherings we have for you to get together and fellowship with your brothers and sisters. Please take advantage of them, and you will bless yourself and others also.

**Sundays** \* Prayer: 9am Lee Blvd entrance \* Fellowship in Café 9:15-9:45 am. \*  
Services 10:45 am

**Adult, Youth, and Children classes 9:45-10:30 am**

Faith Class: -----Michael Whitley  
Foundation 1 Class: ---Pastor Paul  
Foundation 2 Class: ---Mike Wiggins  
Healing Class: -----Lester/Monica Witherspoon  
Marriage Class:-----Danny/Demetrice Williams  
Prayer Class: -----Joe Cunningham  
Children's Sunday School: 6 months - 5th grade  
Youth Services: -----Lucas/Cyndi Moore  
Young Singles/College & Career —Eliav/Kim Nash

**Daily.** \* Early Morning Prayer in Sanctuary: Monday-Friday 6:15-7:15am  
\* Noonday Bible Study: Mon-Fri 12:15 in Sanctuary or 91.1fm or live stream on  
TCC app  
\* Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon-Fri 10-11am in the Gym

**Weekly** \* Sunday Services: 9:45 am classes; 10:45am Main Service  
\* Wednesday night: Adult and Youth Services 7pm (Youth meet in Youth area)  
\* Mobile Prayer: Wed 2-3:30pm Lee Blvd parking lot; Fri 2-3:30pm Sam's  
Warehouse

**Monthly** \* Men's Meeting: 9am 1st Saturday of each month at Golden Corral  
\* Crosses at the Corner: 11am-1pm 1st and 3rd Saturdays corner of Sheridan and  
Cache Rd.  
\* Women's Meeting: 9am 2nd Saturday of each month  
\* Women's Discipleship: 3rd Thursday of each month 5pm in Sanctuary  
\* Horse Ministry: 12-3pm 3rd Saturday of each month