

**If Everyone Were Like Me**  
Theme: Being a Godly Influence for Our  
Family, Brethren, and Those In the World.

**Introduction:**

- A. Every day we either influence or are influenced:
  - 1. We strive to imitate that which we desire.
  - 2. Or our behavior is averted because of undesired repercussions.
- B. We are to “be influenced” by following good examples or avoid bad ones: **1 Cor. 11:1-2; 1 Cor. 10:1-11**

As a challenge, ask yourself the following that may help you gauge the kind of influence you are on others: “If everyone was like me ...”

**Discussion:**

- I. If Your Family Was More Like You ...
  - A. Would they be more or less inclined to read and study God’s word? **Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15; Heb. 5:12-14**
  - B. Would they be more or less inclined to pray to our heavenly Father? **1 Thess. 5:17; 1 Tim. 2:1**
  - C. Would they be more or less spiritually minded? **Col. 3:1; Rom. 8:5-10**
- II. If Christians Were More Like You ...
  - A. Would they be more or less inclined to worship the Lord? **Heb. 10:24-25; Rom. 12:1**
  - B. Would they be more or less inclined to help others. Cp. **2 Cor. 8; Gal. 6:10**
  - C. Would they be more or less inclined to spread the gospel. **Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Tim. 2:2**
- III. Take Heed
  - A. Being a good influence for our family and brethren is not the goal: glorifying God is! **Matt. 5:16**
  - B. We also need to influence with an heir of humility, not superiority. Cp. **Lk. 18:10-14**
  - C. Ultimately, we influence through love. **1 Cor. 13:1-3**
  - D. This is the attitude of influence demonstrated by our Savior that we need to have. **Phil. 2:5ff**

**Conclusion:**

- A. Yes, we are influenced everyday both in good and bad ways.
- B. The question is, what kind of influence are you?