

Own Your INFLUENCE (Matthew 5.13-16)

I. Introduction —

- A. Old Testament *negative* influences... (Genesis 3.6; 19.14, 30-38; Exodus 32.1-10; Judges 2.11-15; 1 Samuel 8.4-6; 1 Kings 11.1-8; 12.10-11, 12.25-33; 2 Kings 17.22-23; 1 Kings 16.31-33; Isaiah 2.5-6)
- B. Old Testament *positive* influences... (Joshua 24.15, 31; Ruth 1.16; 2.12; 2 Kings 5.1-14; 18.1-6; ch 22-23; Ezra 5.1-2; Nehemiah)
- C. New Testament *negative* influences... (1 Corinthians 15.33; Galatians 2.11-14; Revelation 2.20)
- D. New Testament *positive* influences... (Jesus & apostles; Acts 16.1ff, 25-30; 26.28; Philippians 1.13; 4.22; 2 Corinthians 8.1-6)

II. God's intent for His people:

- 1. *Matthew 5.13-16* — _____
- 2. *Philippians 2.12-16* — _____
- 3. *Colossians 4.5-6* — _____
- 4. *1 Peter 2.11-15; 3.1-2, 15-16* — _____

III. Hindrances to positive influence —

- A. *Matthew 5.13* — “become _____” — _____
_____ (Luke 14.34; Romans 12.1-2; James 1.27; 4.4; 1 Peter 1.14-16; 1 John 2.15-17; Colossians 3.1-10; 1 Corinthians 15.33)
- B. *Matthew 5.15* — “under a _____” — _____
_____ (Mark 4.21; Philippians 2.12-16; John 13.34-35; Matthew 28.18-20; Mark 16.15-16; Acts 8.4; 1 Timothy 3.15)
- C. *Galatians 2.11-13* — _____ — _____
_____ (Matthew 18.7)