

Introduction:

What is influence? How would you describe it? Do you feel like you have influence? Is influence reserved for those with political, social, or financial power? Or does anyone really have influence? Are we all just at the mercy of circumstances beyond our control? Believe it or not, we all have influence over the events happening in and around our lives. The character we curate deep within ourselves is continually influencing our surroundings. So how can we leverage that character & *influence* to create a future we can be proud of?

Scripture:

Ecclesiastes 11:1-3 - "Ship your grain across the sea; after many days you may receive a return. Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land. If clouds are full of water, they pour rain on the earth. Whether a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where it falls, there it will lie."

For More, Read & Discuss Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

Discussion Questions:

1. Who has influenced you? How?
2. Where have you had influence?
3. Would you consider yourself generous?
4. How has your generosity affected your influence?
5. How would you like to be remembered?
 - Is how you are living today enhancing that legacy?
 - What step could you take to make sure it does?

Take the Next Step:

Where could you exercise your influence to affect change that might improve someone else's future?