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## INFLUENCE IN THE PEW

(2 Corinthians 9:6 – 15)

### INTRODUCTION

**“Influence”** - the effect you have on another without any exercise of force.

I watched him walk in the way of life with heart and head held high.

It always seemed my load grew light whenever he passed by.

I patterned everything I did by what I saw him do -

That he loved God I could not doubt because his life was true.

I often wished that more like his my way of life might be -

Imagine my surprise to find that he's been watching me!

### 1. INFLUENCE BY BEING A MEMBER & BEING “IN THE PEW”

Apostle Paul addresses letters to a church (congregation) in a given area, and speaks to those who are members (those “in the pew”).

(1 Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:1-2; Col. 4:15-16) (James 1:1-2) “brethren, ... if a man come into your assembly ... “ (Acts 20:7) “when the disciples came together”

To be an influence in the church (congregation), be “in the pew.”

### 2. INFLUENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES BY BEING “IN THE PEW”

#### 1) “CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER” - you have to be here to do this!

(Hebrews 10:23-25) “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope ... consider one another to stir up ... not forsaking the assembly ... exhorting one another ... “

Leaven is “hid in the meal;” Light is not to be “put under a bushel;”  
“If the salt has lost its savor, how shall it be seasoned?”

#### 2) EVENTS IN THE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY INFLUENCE US

Our songs (Ephesians 5:19-20, Colossians 3:16); prayers (Phil. 4:6);  
Lord's supper (Luke 22:19, Matthew 26:28); offering (2 Cor. 9:6-7);  
preaching (2 Timothy 4:2, 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

#### 3) INFLUENCED TO BE A WILLING-WORKER

(1 Corinthians 15:58) “abounding in the work” (James 1:22) “be doers”  
(John 9:4) “while it is day”

#### 4) INFLUENCED TO BE WORKERS-TOGETHER

(2 Cor. 8:23) “fellow-worker” (1 Thess. 3:2) “fellow-laborer”  
(Col. 1:7) “dear fellow-servant” (Phil. 2:25) “fellow-soldier”

#### 5) INFLUENCED TO BE FRIENDLY

(Proverbs 18:24) “A man who has friends must himself be friendly”