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INFLUENCE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

(Acts 2:40-47)

INTRODUCTION

Apostle Paul admonishes us to live in such a manner that (1 Timothy 5:14) "give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully" (1 Tim. 6:1) "that the name of God be not blasphemed" and again (Titus 2:5) "that the word of God be not blasphemed"

When our influence is not-so-good: (James 2:7) "they blaspheme that noble name ... "

We sing: This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine ... around the neighborhood"

1. OUR INFLUENCE WILL BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

(John 17:15) "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world"

(v18) "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world"

(Mark 16:15-16) "Go into all the world and preach the gospel ... "

(Romans 12:2) "And do not be conformed to this world"

2. JESUS WAS AN INFLUENCE IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD

(Luke 2:52) "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man"

(Acts 10:38-39) "Jesus of Nazareth ... who went about doing good ... "

3. CHRISTIANS IN JERUSALEM INFLUENCED THE NEIGHBORHOOD

(Acts 2:41-47) "gladly received the word and were baptized ... continued steadfastly ... all who believed were together ... as anyone had need ... house to house ... ate their food with gladness ... "

(v47) "praising God and having favor with all the people and the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved"

4. WAYS FOR US TO INFLUENCE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

1) **Practice what you preach** - walk the talk; if you want your neighbor to see what Christ can do for them, let them see what Christ has done for you.

2) **Be friendly** - (Proverbs 18:24) "A man who has friends must show himself friendly"

Know your neighbors, and let your light shine in their presence.
Be friendly to those in our worship assembly. Meet 'n greet.

3) **Be kind to your neighbor** - (Psalm 15:1-3) "Lord, who shall abide in Your holy hill? ... nor does evil to his neighbor ... "

(Luke 10:25-37) (v36) "So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among thieves? He said, He who showed mercy on him.

4) **Maintain domestic tranquility** - (Proverbs 17:1)

5) **When participating** - PTA, youth sports, service organizations, etc.
Be Christian in attitude, action, and speech.