

On Being A Role Model

By Mike Riley

An anonymous author once made this true statement, "We cannot live our lives alone, for other lives we touch are either strengthened by our own or weakened just as much." The apostle Paul said it another way, "For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself" (Romans 14:7).

There's no living person who does not influence someone, either for good or evil. And thus, whether we like it or not, every one of us is a role model to someone.

For example, one such role model we find in the New Testament is the apostle Paul. He boldly held himself up as a pattern for all Christians to follow.

He stated, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1). He knew that serving as a godly role model, was contingent upon his faithfulness in following the Lord.

Paul commended the Thessalonians because they followed him and the Lord (1 Thessalonians 1:6). And because of their godly influence as role models, they not only became examples to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia, but they were also well-known for their faith toward God (1 Thessalonians 1:7-8).

As we pattern our lives after Paul, who himself patterned his life after the Lord, we in turn become role models who are being copied by folks we associate with.

Let's ask ourselves, "What is the quality of our spiritual influence? Is it negative or positive?"

Brethren, our spiritual influence is either one or the other — it can never be neutral (Revelation 3:14-15). No one can ever truly say, "I'm not a role model."

For the cause of Christ, let's be the best godly role model we can be! (Matthew 5:16; cf. Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Peter 2:11-12).



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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Lyle Russell

Opening prayer- Paul Simpson

Communion- Wayne Fowler

Closing Prayer- Ronnie Hayes

Sermon- Don DeLukie

January 19th

Announcements- Travis Rogers

Opening prayer- John Chisley

Communion- Lyle Russell

Closing Prayer- Gary Harris

Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—Question & Answer Series: Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

—Children's Home Collection: Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



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Please Pray For:

Lyle Russell, David & Elaine Repond, Debbie Grice, Charles Jones, Christene Looney, Weils Family, Don Bell, Phillip, Zion and Elianna Simmons, Linda Johnston, Susie McGough, Lane Comaux, Pam Few, Lynn Urban.

Bereaved: Family of Lawrence Dana.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Brigg DeLukie, Carol Granger, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Ronnie & Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Bobby Simmons, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



January Birthdays

- 1 - John Chisley
- 6 - Carolyn Jones
- 15 - Tommy Franklin
- 21 - Gary Harris
- 24 - Buck Raus
- 26 - Arthur Binford

January Anniversaries

- 6 - Debbie and Rick Cook
- 7 - Charles and Brenda Fricke

