

## *So...you want to influence our society?*

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### **“Sunday Bloody Sunday”**

*Philippians 2:14-18*

#### **1. The church must avoid complaining .**

*Philippians 2:14*

“Do everything without grumbling or arguing.”

#### **2. The church must live the message.**

*Philippians 2:15*

“...so that you may become blameless and pure, ‘children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.”

*1 John 3:2-3*

“But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.”

#### **3. The church needs to shine like stars.**

*Philippians 2:15-16*

“Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.”

*John 9:5*

“While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

#### **4. The church needs to be active.**

*Philippians 2:16*

“as you hold out the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.”

*1 Peter 3:15*

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...”

### *Steps to becoming an influencer*

#### **1. We can have influence through prayer.**

*1 Timothy 2:1-2*

“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”

*James 5:16*

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

#### **2. We can have influence through evangelism.**

*2 Corinthians 5:18*

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”

*Mark 16:15*

“He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

#### **3. We have to pull the trigger.**

*Romans 10:9*

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

#### **4. We can have influence for biblical values.**

*Matthew 5:13*

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."

#### **5. There is a cost to being an influencer.**

*Philippians 2:17*

"But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you."

*Colossians 1:24-25*

"Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church."