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Junior Level

Ages 8-12

Our Influence and Reputations

Maybe when you hear the word “influence,” you think of an older sibling or someone you look up to. They have an impact on your life through how they act and what they teach you. Someone you look up to who is very skilled in woodworking might influence you to try it.

Maybe you don’t think you would ever have this type of impact on people, or maybe you do. But can I tell you something? Whether you know it or not, you have influence in people’s lives right now. This influence comes from your attitudes, behaviors, and choices—all of which play a part in establishing your reputation.



What are you known for? If one of your siblings or friends was asked to describe you in one sentence, what would they say?

What we are known for, our reputation, is another gift God has given us to develop and steward for Him. Let’s see what the Bible teaches us about the importance of our reputations and the influence that comes from them.

Read ^{KEY VERSES} **Philippians 2:12–16**. What kind of reputation are Christians meant to have in this world?

As children of God, we should have reputations of blamelessness and innocence. We seek to love others, have thankful hearts, and be known by our love for Christ. In this way, we shine as lights in a world that is full of dishonesty and unkindness. This influence is the greatest possible influence to have—bringing light into the darkness of this world.

We should be
known for loving
and following Jesus,
the One who saved
our souls.

Read **Matthew 5:14-16**.

What result should our
reputation and influence have?

Stewarding our reputations and influence is not for the purpose of bringing us glory or making us look good. They are tools we use to point everyone's attention to God! It is all about His glory and NOT about us in any way.

Do we live in such a way that people don't have anything bad to say about us? Do we have integrity in our schoolwork, chores, and responsibilities? Do we speak kind, truthful words and show self-control in our actions? Are people who spend time with us encouraged to seek God and love Him more?

All of these things contribute to the kind of influence we have on those around us! God has given us the opportunity to steward our influence for Him.

Who are the people God has placed in your life so you can be an influence on them? (Don't forget your siblings!)

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What are some specific things you can do to influence those people based on what you learned today?

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Today, pray and ask God to help you remember the influence He has given you to steward for Him. Thank Him for the ability to have a reputation that brings Him glory.

Youth Level

Ages 13 and up

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Read *Matthew 5:14-16*. What result should our reputation and influence have?

Read *Titus 2:7-8 and 11-14*. What does a godly influence look like?

All of these things contribute to the kind of influence we have on those around us! Does our influence encourage people towards love, truthfulness, and godliness? Are people who spend time with us encouraged to seek God and love Him more? If not, we are squandering the opportunity God has given us to steward our influence for Him.

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Parent Guide

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I think this description is one of the most helpful ones when it comes to evaluating our own lives. Do we live in such a way that people don't have anything bad to say about us? Of course, there are often people who lie or make things up because they dislike us, but is there any truth in the criticism people might have of us? Do we have integrity in our parenting, leadership positions, and responsibilities? Do we speak kind, truthful words and show self-control in our actions?

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Do you know who you influence the most? Your own children! That's a hefty responsibility. God has given you specific, highly impressionable people to point towards Him. Use your influence as a parent wisely to help your children learn to know and trust God.

What do you want to change about how you are currently influencing the people around you? List specific steps you can take to make these changes.

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Today, pray and ask God to help you remember the influence He has given you to steward for Him. Thank Him for the ability to have a reputation that brings Him glory.

Scripture: Philippians 2:12-16
Key Truth: We should be known for loving and following Jesus, the One who saved our souls.

Discussion: If someone gave a speech about you at the end of your life, what would you want them to say? How can you make those things true in your life?



WELL DONE

Our God is a kind, loving Father who delights in giving His children good gifts! These **good things** surround us every day—in fact, we often forget just how many good things our God has given us.

So what is the point of the many **blessings** we have received? Whether they are immaterial or material good things, God has not given them to us to own, but instead, to STEWARD for Him. Learn what these good things are and how to be a **good steward** in *Well Done!*



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