

# SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THE YOU NIVERSE



When you waste your influence

1 Samuel 14:15-48

## A. Insights on (positive) influence

- Influence is about example; influence is not about your image
- Influence is about your person; influence is not about position and power
- Influence is about moving people to a better place; influence is not about using people to get where you want to go
- Influence is about awareness; influence is not about being self-absorbed
- Success is about influence; success is not about achievement

## B. Lessons from the Leaderboard

- Saul: Insecurity is your greatest threat
- Jonathan: Act from where you are with the resources you have
- Ahijah: Consider the troops
- The unnamed: Stand for what is right

Week of January 28-February 3, 2018

# GROWTH

*guide*

*For those who are passionate about their faith!*

The following passages talk about the power and importance of influence. How are you benefitting the people around you?

Through the New Testament in 2018: Read Matthew 21-25

Monday | **Genesis 12:1-9**

Though veiled, this was God's original promise to Abraham that he would have a son. But what was God up to? What people in your story have been blessed by you—or your children?

Tuesday | **1 Timothy 4:6-15**

What charge is Paul giving to Timothy? In what ways was Timothy to set an example and provide influence? What might have been an obstacle to him? How are you setting an example in these areas?

Wednesday | **Matthew 5:13-16**

How is your life like salt or like light? Who are the people who are inspired/challenged by your example? What are some of the things they might observe in you, good and bad?

Thursday | **Nehemiah 2:11-18**

When Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem, he was a relative unknown. Why did people respond positively to him? How do people respond to you—and why?

Friday | **Matthew 18:1-6**

How strongly does Jesus view the importance of good influence? Who are the people in your story who are looking to learn from you?

Sunday preview | **1 Samuel 15:1-35**

What was Saul instructed to do? What did he do? What excuse did he offer for his disobedience? Why did God react so strongly?