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THE GREATEST INFLUENCE ON MY SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Some of the greatest influences on our life such as 1) Parents 2) Teachers 3) Religious Leaders 4) Holy Spirit 5) Walking in the Spirit 6) Sunday School 7) Word of God 8) Movies etc.

1. PARENTS

We know that, **Parents** are their children's strongest role model and greatest influence right from their childhood. Our children will eventually adopt many of our values and types of behavior right from their childhood age, just as we have been influenced by our parents. Our children notice and respond to the way you deal with problems, express feelings and celebrate special occasions. As a parent, it is impossible to not model. Our children will see our example positive or negative as a pattern for the way life is to be lived. Families are both a very important protective factor and risk factor influencing drug use problems among youth. In other words, what we do or do not do has a big impact on our child's decisions about using or not using drugs. I believe that God has put gifts and talents and ability on the inside of every one of us. When we develop that and you believe in yourself and you believe that you're a person of influence and a person of purpose, I believe you can rise up out of any situation, for this our most example are our parents. Their advises, encouragement, blessings are very important in order to build up this influence on our lives. The influence of virtue and modesty enlighten our charms, as sayingsthe luster of a beautiful woman is brighter than the stars of heaven. We know that the blessed life is the influence of one true, loving human soul one another. Love is the greatest commandment. This is what in I Cori 13:13 we read "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these [is] charity / love. These love first we get from our parents only. I think my parents are my biggest influence. The people who influence you are the people who believe in you. When you hold our baby in our arms the first time, and you think of all the things you can say and do to influence him, it's a tremendous responsibility. What you do with him can influence not only him, but everyone he

meets and not for a day or a month or a year but for time and eternity. This experience first we are getting from our parents only. If our parents are spiritual and guided by the HOLY SPIRIT then we as a children are very much blessed in this world and also in the eternity.

2. TEACHERS

Next we can see “the Teacher”, in our school / college study period, All of us have had a **Teacher** who has made a profound difference in our live someone who changed our lives, made us think more deeply, set our feet on the right path. Perhaps it was a teacher we met in a classroom, but it could just have easily been a coach, a youth group leader, a family or community elder, or religious leader. In this project, students write a tribute to such a teacher, someone who has taught them an important lesson that they still remember. The personal essays that students write for this lesson are then published in a class collection. Because writing about someone who has been a significant influence is a typical topic for college application essays, the lesson’s extensions include resources for writing more traditional, formal papers.

3) RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Our “**Religious Leaders**” can positively influence a person or a community. We know that the revival / influence of Azusa street a three-year-long Azusa Street Revival in Los Angeles, California, resulted in the spread of Pentecostalism throughout the United States and the rest of the world as visitors carried the Pentecostal experience back to their home churches or felt called to the mission field. While virtually all Pentecostal denominations trace their origins to Azusa Street, the movement has experienced a variety of divisions and controversies. The key to successful leadership today is influence, not authority.

4. HOLY SPIRIT

I would like to say that, The greatest influence on My Spiritual Development is the “**Holy Spirit**” came to my life and changed me. About the Holy Spirit and the Spiritual growth is detailed in 2 Peter 1: 3-8, "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness". Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith, goodness; and to knowledge, and to self-control, and to perseverance, godliness; brotherly kindness; and love.

The Spiritual growth includes: (1) increasing in your knowledge and understanding of God's Word, (2) decreasing in your frequency and severity of sin, (3) increasing in your practice of Christ-like qualities, and (4) increasing in your faith and trust in God. Perhaps the best summary of spiritual growth is becoming more like Jesus Christ.

5. WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

Another key to Christian growth is **walking in the Spirit**. Gal 5:16-18 explains, "So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law...Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other."

Walking in the Spirit is allowing Him to fill you. Ephe 5:18, control you, and guide you. This is brought about by consciously choosing by faith to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide you in thought, word, and deed Romans 6: 11-14. Failure to rely on the Holy Spirit's guidance will result in a believer not living up to the calling and standing that salvation provides. Eph 4:1 says, "...I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."

6. SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday school also has a tremendous influence in shaping young lives in the realm of spiritual life. For this parents should encourage their children to study the word of God right from their childhood itself. In (**Ecclesiastes 12:1**) we read that "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth".

7. WORD OF GOD

The "Word of God" is our Primary Influence. So, for the word of God has a tremendous influence on our lives. Since the beginning of time God has sought to communicate with the people of His creation. God created man in His own image with the purpose of mankind having a relationship with their God. God has always been the initiator of this relationship and has used His Word as a means of communication. It is important to understand as well that when God speaks and communicates with man, He does it with purpose.

8) MOVIES

Movies can do a tremendous influence in shaping young lives in the realm of entertainment towards the ideals and objectives of normal adulthood.