

Series: The Heart of the Problem

Message 8: Under the Influence

Text: **1Th. 1:6-8**: And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.

You don't have to be a "person of influence" to be influential. In fact, the most influential people in my life are probably not even aware of the things they've taught me."
Scott Adams

It seems to me that in the same way that most do not have an accurate positive view of repentance, neither do we have an accurate view of whom God works in and through to bring revival and reform.

Many resist or ignore their usefulness in revival because they compare themselves with the great names of revival such as Jonathan Edwards, Charles Finney, George Whitefield, and others. If God's people could see the tremendous influence of some of God's unnoticed and unnoticeable people then they may be encouraged by seeing how God takes the life of one individual who has been changed through repentance and then uses for the kingdom's sake in true revival.