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BLANKS FILLED VERSION

Series: Own the Mission: Belong, Become, Be Sent

Title: Affecting Culture vs Influencing Culture

Text: 1 Peter 1:13-19

Introduction:

- 1) Everything you see, hear, read, think, and observe filters through a worldview.
- 2) Our culture is rapidly declining, and this has an impact on all of us and everyone around us.

“Probably the greatest tragedy of the church throughout its long and checkered history has been its constant tendency to conform to the prevailing culture instead of developing a Christian counterculture.” – Theologian John Stott

Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones: “We are living in days of exceptional evil. . . What are you **ASKING** the **LORD** to do in your **LIFE** to make you an **EXCEPTION** to that **EVIL**?” Notice this is “*To Be*” from the inside out, not “*To Do*” from the outside in.

Affecting the Culture vs. Influenced by the Culture

- 1) **An On Mission Christians View of HUMAN SEXUALITY Should be Countercultural.**
(various verses)

- 2) **An On Mission Christian’s HUMOR Should be Countercultural.**
(Luke 6:21; Romans 13:10)

- 3) **An On Mission Christian’s SPEECH Should be Countercultural.**
(Ephesians 4:29; James 3:9-10; Colossians 3:8; James 3:1-12)

- 4) **An On Mission Christian’s HOME Should be Countercultural.**
(Joshua 24:15; Psalm 133:1)

- a) Visitors : (Ps 133:1)
- b) In a non-Christian setting: (1 Peter 3:1-4)

- 5) **An On Mission Christian’s BANK ACCOUNT Should Be Countercultural.**
(1 Timothy 6:18; 2 Corinthians 9:11)

6) **An On Mission Christian's MIND Should Be Countercultural.**

(Romans 8:5; 1 Corinthians 2:14-16; 1 Peter 1:13)

- a. "Is that what the Bible Says?"

7) **An On Mission Christian's EYES Should Be Countercultural.**

(Psalm 101:3 (ESV & NIV); 1 Corinthians 6:18)

8) **An On Mission Christian's LOVE Should be Countercultural.**

(1 Peter 2:9 (NLT); John 13:34-35)

- a. Action: "As a result, you can show others the goodness of God." 1 Peter 2:9 NLT
- b. "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

9) **An On Mission Christian's Affection for the CHURCH Should be Countercultural.**

(Ephesians 5:25)

10) **An On Mission Christian's CHURCH Should Be Countercultural.**

- a. "We also thank God constantly, for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it." (1 Thessalonians 2:13)
- b. *"That very church which the world likes best is sure to be that which God abhors."* – Charles Haddon Spurgeon

11) **An On Mission Christian's View of AUTHORITY Should be Countercultural.**

(1 Peter 2:13-14; Romans 13:1-7; Acts 5:29)

Closing thought: *"But what about Politics and Government and Influencing Culture?"*

For Further Study, Reflection, Application:

- 1) How are you doing with these points?
- 2) Are you living out in a way that is different from the culture around us?
- 3) How might living for Christ conflict with the culture around us?
- 4) How can living the Christian life effectively appeal to the unchurched?
- 5) How can we live differently, but not fall into legalism?
- 6) Expand on any of the 11 points for further discussion. Are there other measures?

