

Defining Your Influence

1 Samuel 17 (David & Goliath)

1. We must define how we will allow others to influence us.

"Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'"

1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV

The Success Principles—by Jack Canfield

3 components to any challenging situation:

The <u>Event</u>	I cannot change this
The <u>Response</u>	I am responsible for this
The <u>Outcome</u>	I try to influence this
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When we set boundaries for how others can influence us, sometimes we must:

1. Leave a situation
2. Take a stand

2. We must define how we will influence ourselves.

"But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith."

Jude v.20 NIV

Our greatest resource is the Word of God.

Meditate on His promises.

*"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity** to the obedience of Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:4-6 NKJV*

3. We must define how we will influence others.

How am I prepared to respond in the day of adversity?

Is there a Word in my soul?

There are 4 things I can do to transform my influence:

1. Commit my life to Jesus
2. Forgive
3. Stand on God's promises
4. Tell my story of God's goodness

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But, do this with gentleness and respect."

1 Peter 3:15 NIV