***JON’S SERMON OUTLINE….***

WHOSE INFLUENCE ARE YOU UNDER?

*But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.* 1 Timothy 3:14-15

Introduction: Maybe in your experience you’ve known a young man or woman who seemed to have so much potential as they were growing up. They were kind and sweet, active in the church, and just looked like they had their head on straight. But something happened. Something went wrong. Their life took a different turn and things went bad. Many times, the thing that plays a major role is their choice of friends. It was what they allowed to influence them. Because this is so important, let’s look at Paul’s warning to Timothy in his second letter to the young minister.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ THE WRONG PEOPLE (2 Timothy 3:1-5):

a. The world is full of horrible people (3:1-4).

b. Even some people in the church have major issues (3:5).

c. Paul’s advice to Timothy was to “turn away” from such people.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ THE RIGHT PEOPLE (2 Timothy 3:10-11):

a. Living in this old world is a bold endeavor.

b. When you find good examples, follow them.

c. Paul’s advice to Timothy was “imitate me as I imitate Christ”.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ IN THE WORD (2 Timothy 3:14-17).

a. See the connection between human influences and the Word.

b. The goal of God’s word is your salvation (James 1:21).

c. Paul’s advice to Timothy was “continue in these things”.

CONCLUSION: What is influencing you?

Answers: 1. Avoid 2. Admire 3. Abide