



MOVING
T O W A R D
MATURITY



HEBREWS 6:1A NIV

¹Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity.



As a follower of Jesus, you are **RESPONSIBLE** for developing your **INFLUENCE** because He has given us the ability to impact and affect someone else's desires, development, character and behavior.



1 CORINTHIANS 11:1 NIV


¹Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.



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**THREE VITAL MOVES THAT ARE NECESSARY IF
WE ARE GOING TO DEVELOP OUR INFLUENCE**





We need to recognize the
influence we have **RECEIVED.**

2 TIMOTHY 1:3-7 NLT

³Timothy, I thank God for you—the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestors did. Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴I long to see you again, for I remember your tears as we parted. And I will be filled with joy when we are together again.



2 TIMOTHY 1:3-7 NLT

⁵I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. ⁶This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. ⁷For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.



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He has allowed that influence to CHANGE him.



If you have a LEGACY of faith keep it going, if not, be the individual that starts the LEGACY.

A photograph of a man in a blue baseball cap and light blue t-shirt coaching a young boy. The boy is wearing a black batting helmet and a red and blue shirt, holding a white baseball bat. They are on a baseball field with a chain-link fence and bleachers in the background. A white text box with a red border is overlaid on the bottom half of the image, containing the text: "We need to **GUARD** the influence we have been **ENTRUSTED** with." The word "GUARD" is in a red box, and "ENTRUSTED" is in a red box with a double underline. There is a solid red rectangle on the left side of the image.

We need to **GUARD** the influence
we have been **ENTRUSTED** with.

2 TIMOTHY 1:13-14 NLT

¹³Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you.



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We guard it by investing it in **OTHERS**.

We guard it by the **POWER** of the Holy Spirit.

We guard it by guarding **WHO** and **WHAT** is influencing **YOU**.



We need to **GROW**
in our influence.

2 TIMOTHY 1:6 NLT

⁶This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you.



One of the best ways to fan into flames your influence is to **SERVE** other people.



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Our influence was
never meant to
be IDLE.



2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2 NLT

¹Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus.

²You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.



God wants us to move towards maturity by growing and developing our influence.

