

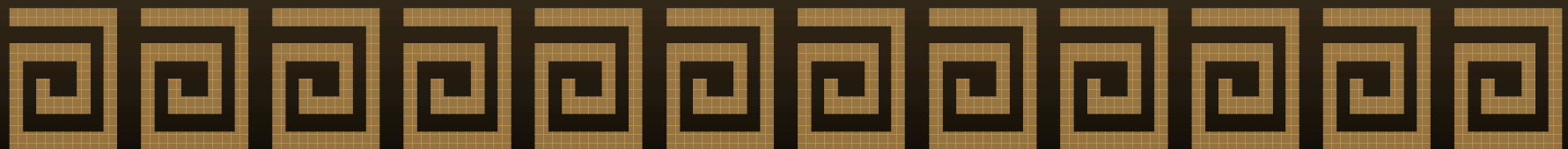


The Influence Of A **Godly** Home

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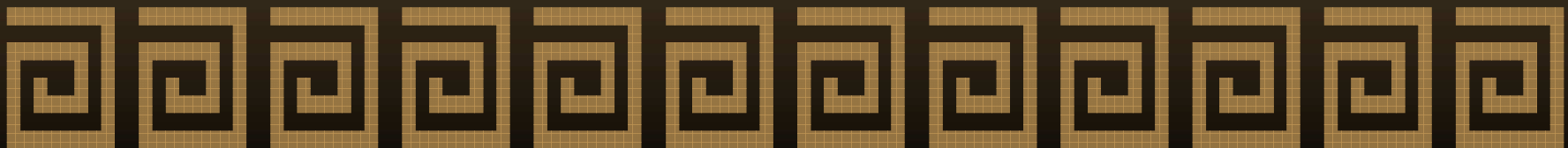
Introduction

- **Influence** = the power of a person to affect others; can be good or bad



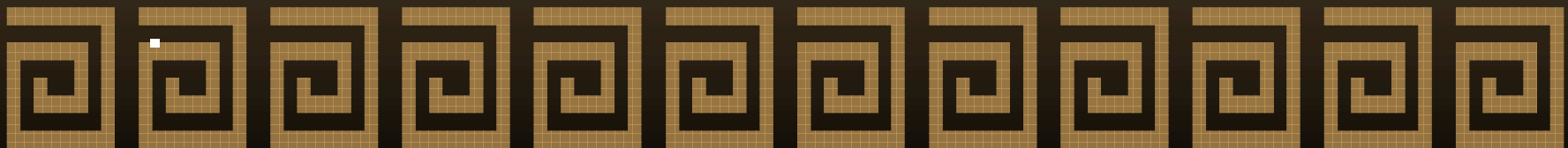
1. Everyone Has Influence

- Rom. 14:7
- For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.



2. Two Kinds Of Influence

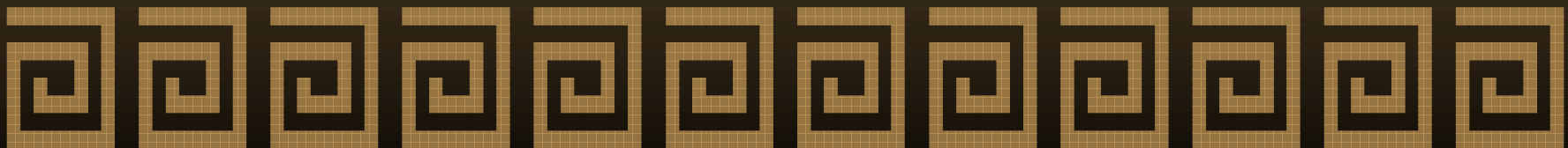
- 1. Good influence
- Mt. 5:13-16 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.



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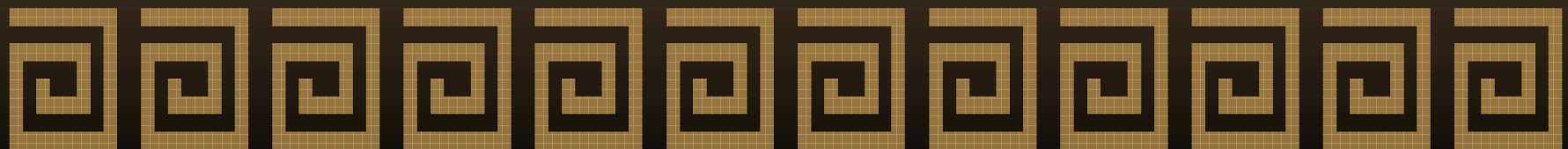
- [15] Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

[16] Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven



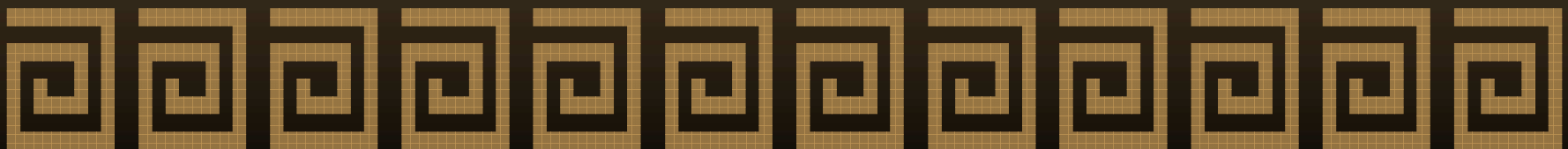
Proverbs 12:25

- Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.



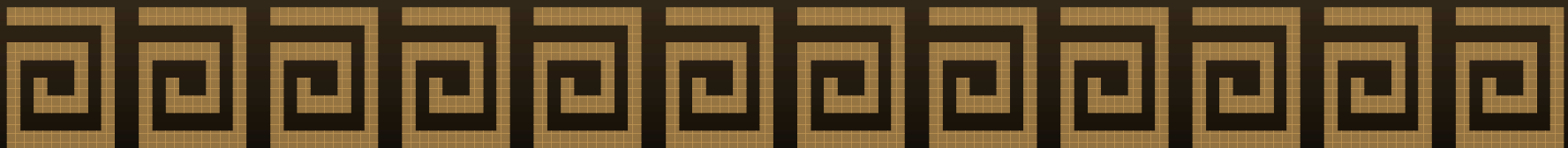
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- **2. Bad influence**
- 2 Sam. 12:14
- Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.



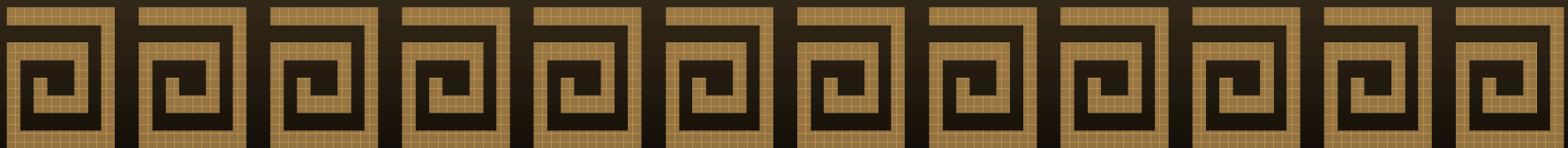
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- 1 Cor. 15:33
- “Do not be deceived: Evil company corrupts good habits.”
- Eccl. 9:18
- “...one sinner destroyeth much good.”



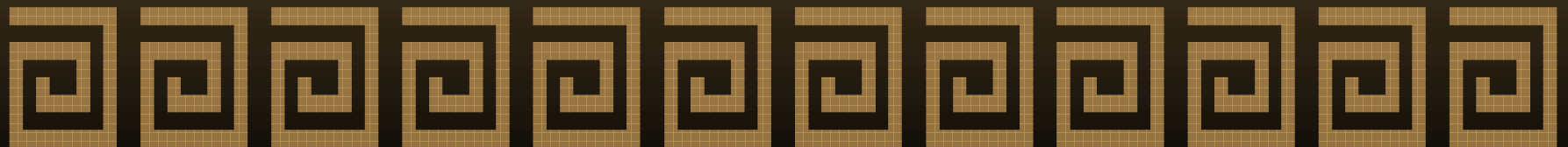
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- Num. 13:31
- But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we



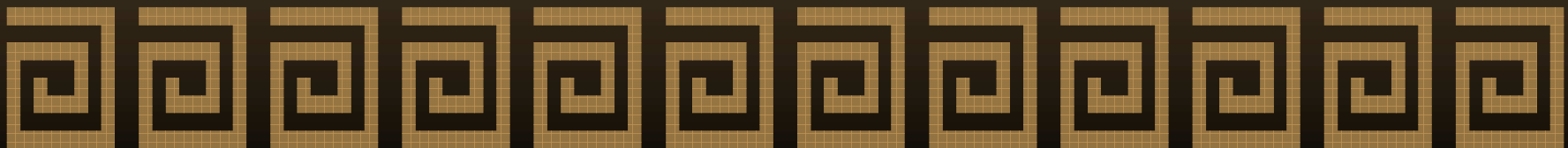
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- 1 Cor. 5:6
- Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?



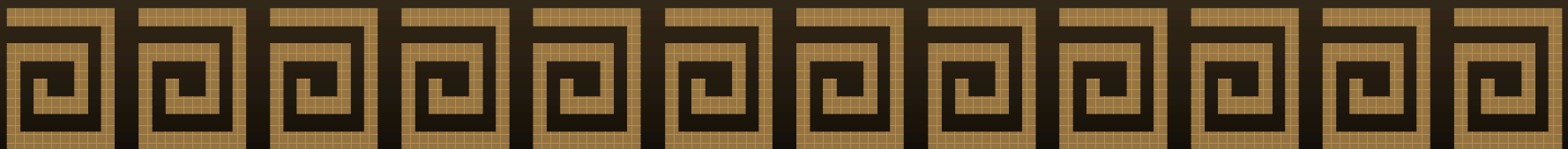
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- Joshua 24:31
- And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that overlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel.



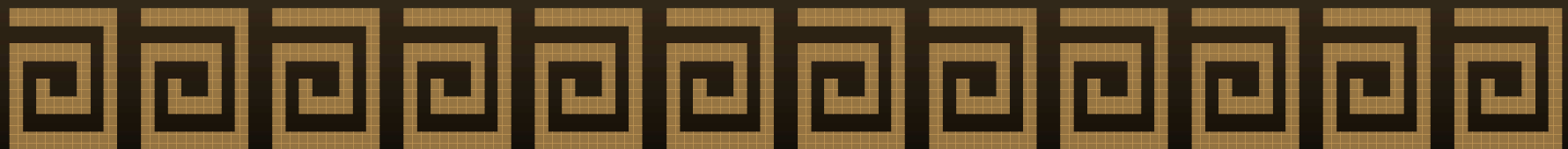
4. Influence Is Lasting

- Heb. 11:4
- By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.



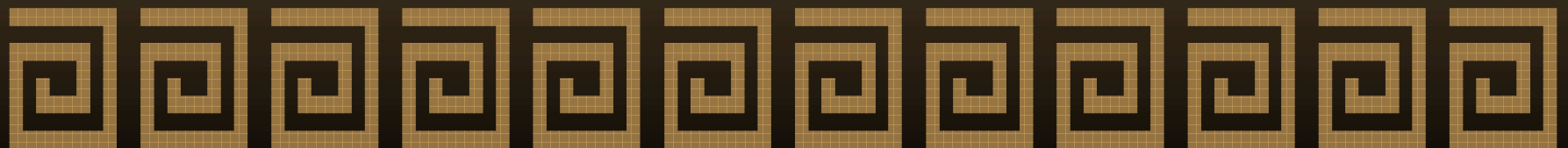
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- Abel's good influence lives on
- Evil also has a lasting effect upon people

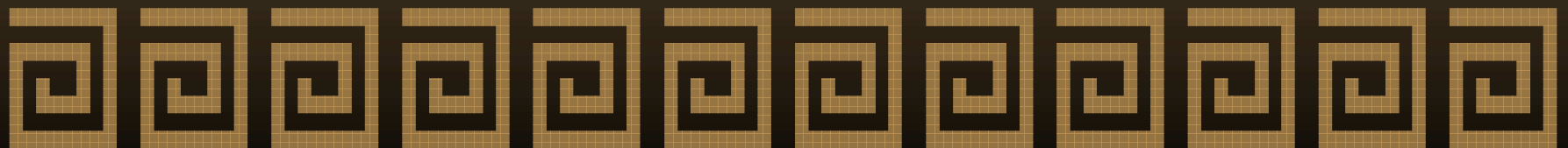


5. We Need To Influence Others To Come To Christ

- Phil. 2:15
- That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

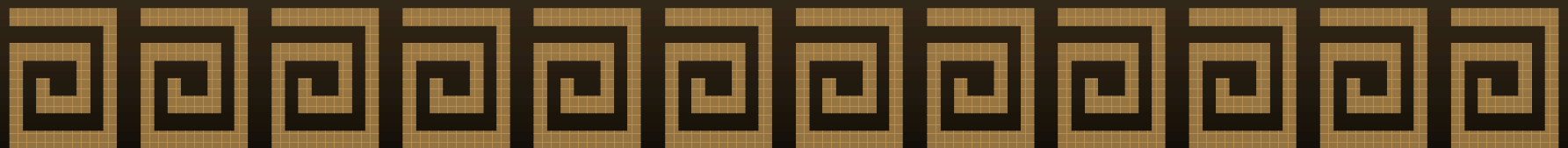


- Putting The Lesson To Use In Our Own Lives



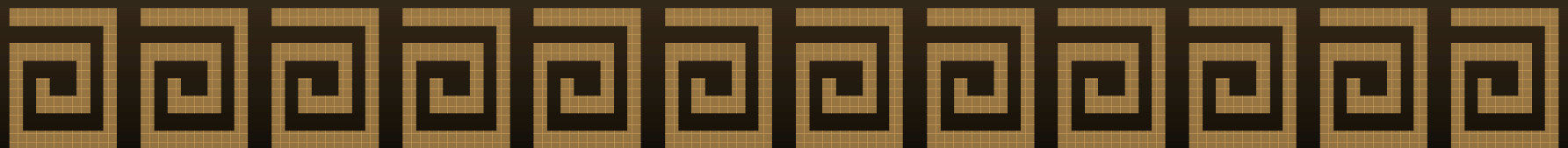
1. In What We Do

- **1 Jn. 3:17-18** But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.



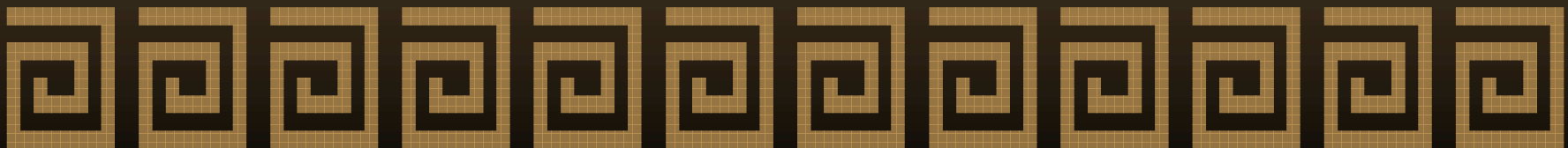
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- Rom. 12:20-21
- Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.
[21] Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.



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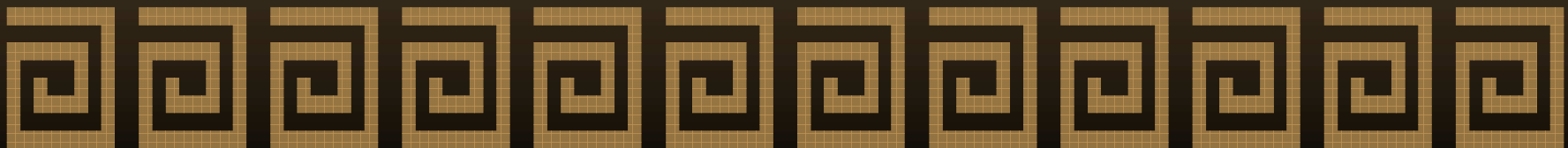
- 1 Tim. 2:9
- In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;



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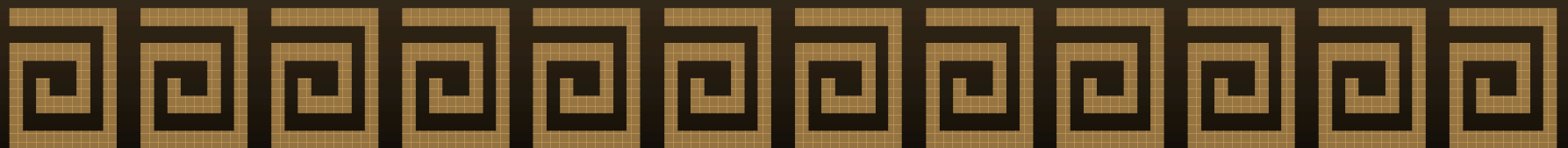
Dress

- **Lk. 17:1-2** Then He said to the disciples, “It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe *to him* through whom they do come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.



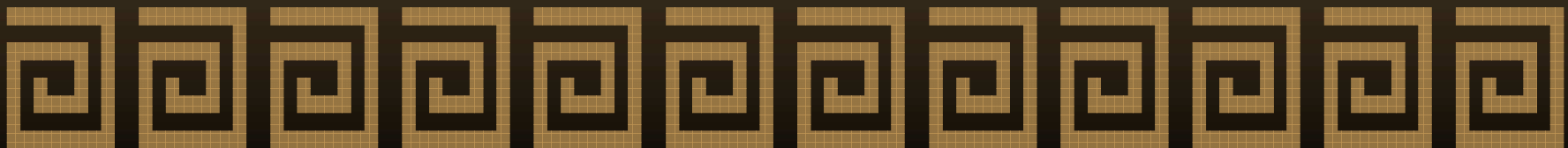
3. Influence In Our Attitude

- Bad moods and sour dispositions can ruin your influence
- **Proverbs 15:1** A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.



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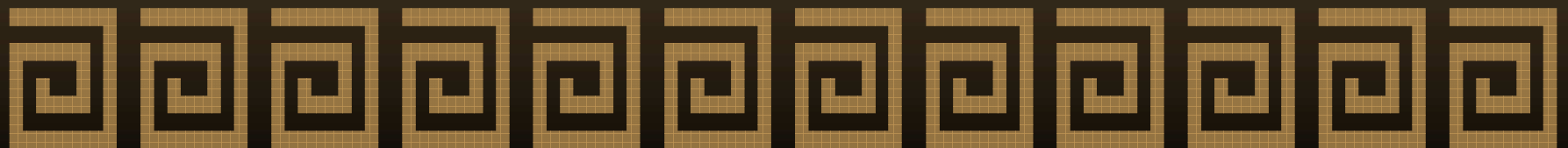
- 1 Pet. 3:2
- When they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied* by fear



4. Influence In Worship & Service

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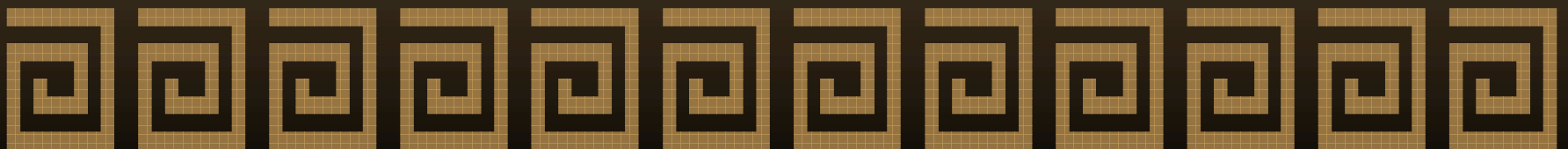
- If we forsake the assembly others will be affected
- Remember, you may be the only Bible that those in the world see



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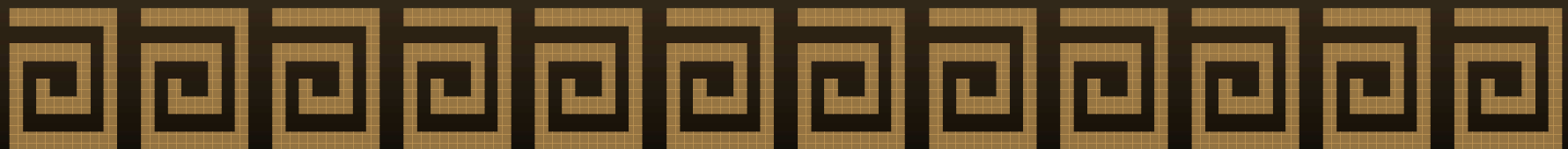
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- When others see us study our Bible, praying, attending worship and refusing to be involved in sinful conduct – they will know that serving God demands commitment and devotion



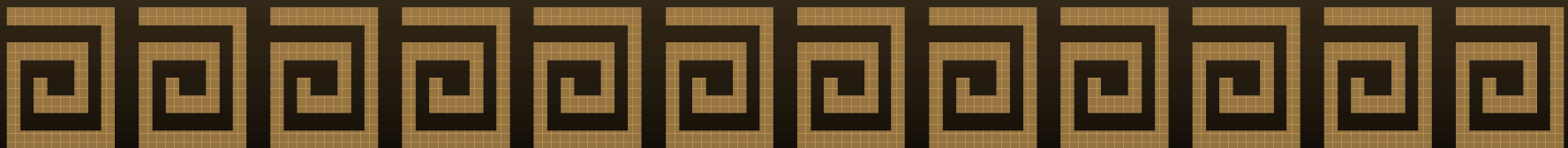
5. Influence In Our Speech

- The words we speak and the way we say them can influence others
- If we develop a reputation for gossip, it becomes hard for others to trust in us



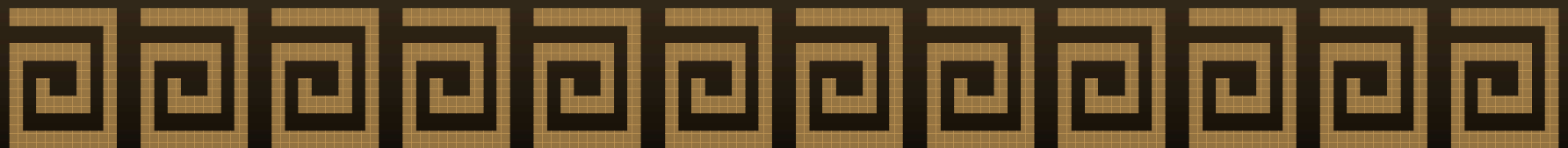
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- Proverbs 15:4 A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life,
But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.



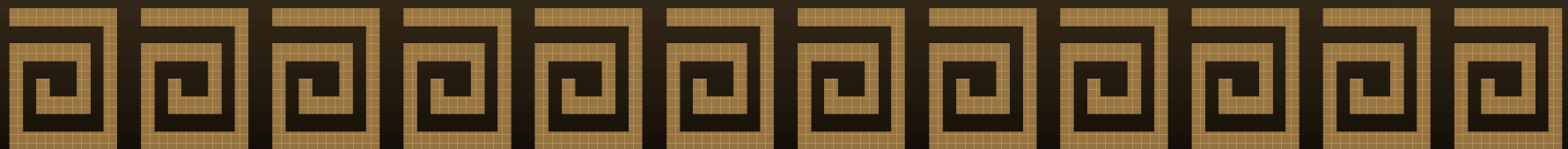
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- Col. 4:6
- *Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.*



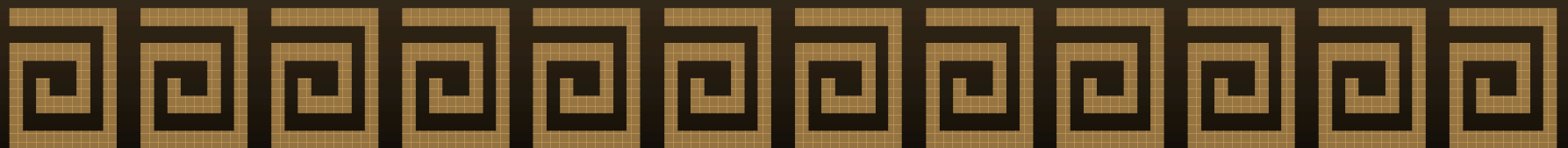
6. Influence In Our Behavior

- Christians must abstain from the works of the flesh.
- It is hypocritical to call others to repentance when we ourselves are living in sin



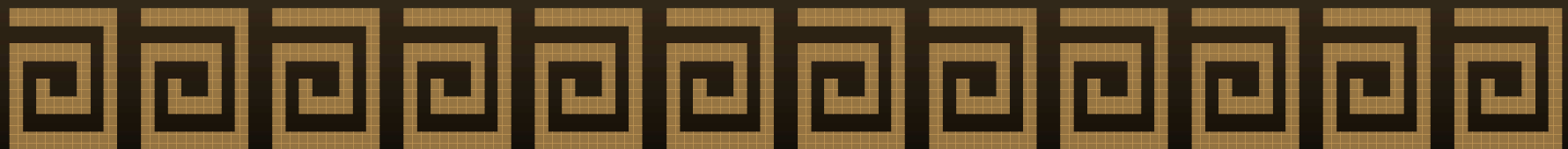
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- Others are watching us and we can bring reproach upon the church if our conduct is evil



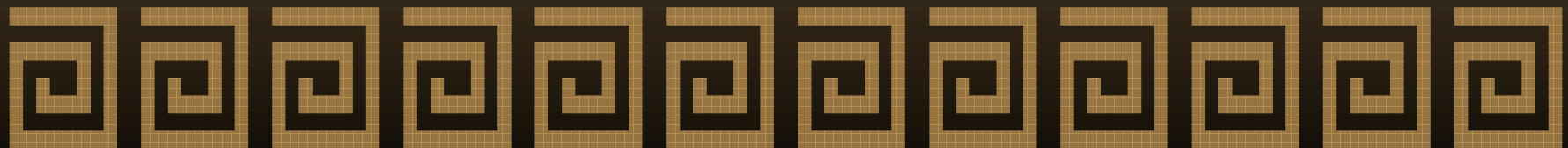
7. Influence In Faithfulness

- We must be faithful – steadfast in the faith
- If we are lukewarm or indifferent, we may lead others astray



Conclusion

- Remember that others may be trying to influence you to do evil
- 1 Cor. 10:12



- Taken From Southwest Lectureship book, HONORING CHRIST, CALLING FOR GODLY HOMES, 2009 – Lesson Two by John Moore

