

# THE BEAT OF A HIGHER DRUM

CHANGE most often occurs because  
of POSSIBILITY (technology, etc.)  
or POPULARITY (influence)

We are greatly enamored with being  
**liked** or **accepted**.

*“What will **people** **think**?”*

“If I present myself as being **similar**  
to someone, I’ll be accepted.”

The business of advertising is aimed more toward **influence** than **information**.

## **APPEAL:**

- personal **popularity**
  - peer **pressure**
    - social **manipulation**

**FOLLOWER**  
**OF CHRIST**

vs.

**FOLLOWER**  
**OF THE WORLD**

Is this idea true?

Is this idea popular?

Is this practice righteous? Is this practice popular?

Is this method effective? Is this method popular?

# JESUS WAS NOT CARRIED ALONG BY SOCIAL PRESSURE

- His life was motivated/directed by  
a **spiritual purpose!**

THEREFORE, the **cheers** of Palm Sunday did not inflate his ego, and the **jeers** of Good Friday did not deter his purpose.

Truly, I tell you, the SON can do nothing by himself. He can only do what he sees the FATHER doing, because whatever the Father does, the Son also does. (*Jn. 5:19*)

By myself, I can do nothing. I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just for I do not seek to please myself, but him who sent me. (*Jn. 5:30*)

The Spirit gives life. The flesh counts  
for nothing. (*Jn. 6:63*)

He who sent me is reliable and  
WHAT I HAVE HEARD FROM HIM I  
tell unto the world. (*Jn. 8:28*)

... Then you will know that I am the one  
that I claim to be, and I DO NOTHING  
ON MY OWN, but speak just what the  
Father has taught. (*Jn. 8:26*)

These words you hear are not my own..  
They BELONG TO THE FATHER,  
who sent me. (*Jn. 14:24*)

My kingdom is not of this world. If it  
were, my servants would fight... No, my  
kingdom is FROM ANOTHER PLACE.  
*(Jn. 18:36)*

From what/where do you receive your  
“cues” for living? What do you allow  
to influence you?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

- **convenience • righteousness**
- **popularity**

**WHOSE MUSIC DO YOU MARCH TO?**

If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. However, you do not belong to the world because I have chosen you out of the world. This is why the world hates you.

*(Jn. 15:19)*

## **CIRCUMSTANCE**

## **POSITION BEFORE GOD**

*(James 1:9-10)*

1. little money/influence

SON (high)

2. Lots of money/influence

SERVANT (low)

Do you not know that friendship (with the world) is hatred (toward God)? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. (*James 4:4*)

The Lord spoke to me with his hand strong upon me, warning me not to follow the way of this people. Do not call conspiracy everything that they call conspiracy. Do not fear what they fear or dread what they dread.

The LORD ALMIGHTY is the one  
you are to regard as holy. He is the one  
you are to fear and dread.

*(Isaiah 8:11-13)*

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