

Q: Who influences you?

Proverbs 13:20 *“He that walketh with wise men shall be wise; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.”*

I Corinthians 15:33 *“Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”*

C. Serve the Lord all the days of your life.

I Samuel 12:24 *“But be sure to fear the LORD and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you.”*

Romans 12:11 *“Never be lacking in zeal but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”*

Galatians 5:13 *“You, my brothers were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.”*

Introduction to Mark Lesson #1 5-18-25

Matthew 23:11 *“The greatest among you will be your servant.”*

Mark 10:44 *“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give His life as a ransom for many.”*

I. The various details about the man named Mark.

A. The relatives of Mark are mentioned in the Bible.

1. Mark had a Godly mother.

Acts 12:11 *“Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod’s clutches and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating.”*

Acts 12:12 *“When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people gathered and were praying.”*

2. Mark had a God-fearing cousin.

Colossians 4:10 *“My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark the cousin of Barnabas.”*

Acts 4:36 *“Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement),^[37] Sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostle’s feet.”*

Acts 9:26 *“When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple.”*

Acts 9:27 *“But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord has spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.”*

B. The resignation of Mark occurred at Perga.

Acts 12:25 “When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission, they returned from Jerusalem, taking with them John, also called Mark.”

Acts 13:5 “When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the Word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.”

Acts 13:13 “From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem.”

C. The rejection of Mark by the Apostle Paul.

Acts 15:37 “Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them.”

Acts 15:38 “But Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work.”

Acts 15:39 “They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus.”

Acts 15:40 “But Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord.”

D. The restored relationship between Mark & Paul.

1. Paul wanted the church at Colossae to welcome Mark.

Colossians 4:10 “My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you welcome him).”

2. Paul described Mark as a fellow worker.

Philemon 23 “Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends his greetings. ^[24] And so does Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my fellow workers.”

3. Paul wanted Mark to be with him in the ministry.

2 Timothy 4:11 “Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.”

II. The various details about Mark's Gospel.

A. The Gospel of Mark is authored by Mark.

2 Timothy 3:16 “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ^[17] So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

B. The approximate date of the Gospel of Mark is unknown.

C. The Gospel of Mark addresses Gentile believers.

1. Mark was written to believers in Rome.

2. Mark was written during a rough time of persecution.

3. Mark's gospel reviews the life of Jesus in chronological order.

****Mark 1:1** “The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”

I Corinthians 15:57 “But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!”

Mark 16:15 “He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. Setbacks in our spiritual life should not define us.

B. Strive to be a Godly influence.

Q: What kind of influence are you?

Matthew 5:16 “In the same way, “Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Galatians 5:16 “So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”