

# Wise Influence

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Everyday Wisdom | Proverbs 12:26

“Your Frontline is the place where you spend the majority of your time outside the church, where you are in contact with non-Christians.”

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- *Life on the Frontline*

A disciple: learning to live the way of Jesus in their context at this moment.

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- Neil Hudson

One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor,  
but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

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Proverbs 12:26 (ESV)

# Six Ms of Frontline Influence

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## Consistency

1. ...**M**odeling Godly character
2. ...**M**aking good work
3. ...**M**inistering grace and love

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## Courage

4. ...**M**olding culture

5. ...a **M**essenger of the gospel

6. ...a **M**outhpiece for truth and justice

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## Proverbs 8:12-13 (NIV)

12 “I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence;

I possess knowledge and discretion.

13 To fear the Lord is to hate evil;

I hate pride and arrogance,

evil behavior and perverse speech.



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**Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)**

Walk with the wise and become wise,  
for a companion of fools suffers harm.

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## **Matthew 11:19 (NIV)**

The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."

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**Matthew 12:34 (NIV)**

You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

# Influence #2 - Making good work

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**Proverbs 29:2 (NIV)**

Do you see someone skilled in their work?

They will serve before kings;

they will not serve before officials of low rank.

# Influence #3 - Ministering grace and love

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## Proverbs 3:3-4 (NIV)

- 3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you;  
bind them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.
- 4 Then you will win favor and a good name  
in the sight of God and man.

# Influence #4 - Molding culture

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**Proverbs 20:7** (NIV)

The righteous lead blameless lives;  
blessed are their children after them.

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**Proverbs 11:11 (NIV)**

Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,  
but by the mouth of the wicked it is destroyed.

# Influence #5 - a Messenger of the gospel

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**Proverbs 25:25 (NIV)**

Like cold water to a weary soul  
is good news from a distant land.

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## Romans 10:14-15 (NIV)

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

# Influence #6 - a Mouthpiece for truth and justice

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## Proverbs 17:23 (NIV)

The wicked accept bribes in secret  
to pervert the course of justice.

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## Proverbs 23:10-11 (NIV)

10 Do not move an ancient boundary stone  
or encroach on the fields of the fatherless,  
11 for their Defender is strong;  
he will take up their case against you.



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