

## For Their Sakes

(John 17:19)

- Introduction:
1. There are far reaching affects resulting from influence.
  2. I think we all know this, but I am not sure we remain as aware of this truth as we should.
  3. Our behavior affects others...mostly the ones we love the most in life.
  4. Therefore, we need to give care to our influence.
  5. Who else would we turn to for an example of how to wield our influence than to Jesus?

### I. The Reason For Jesus' Actions

- A. We all know that Jesus made many sacrifices for us and called us to follow in his footsteps.
- B. (2 Corinthians 8:9).
- C. (1 Peter 2:21).
- D. But this passage tells us why Jesus did what he did.
  1. (John 17:19).
  2. (Hebrews 12:2).
- E. Don't underestimate the power of your influence.
- F. Also note that our sanctification comes through the word.

### II. The Reality of Jesus' Actions

- A. The deeds that Jesus performed were not feigned, but real!
- B. (1 Peter 2:22).
- C. His life, love, and serve was authentic.
- D. Those closest to us will know whether our lives are real or a pretense.

### III. The Respect Jesus' Actions Elicit

- A. People won't follow a hypocrite.
- B. However, people will respect authenticity and genuineness.
- C. Some of the most influential people who have ever lived were not influential due to pedigree or money, but due to sacrificial service to others.

- Conclusion:
1. Jesus realized he needed to sanctify his life if he ever expected his disciples to be sanctified by the word.
  2. Should we have no less expectation concerning the influence of our lives?
  3. If we want to influence the people within our sphere of influence to be faithful children of God, then we must live sanctified lives.