

Sermon Notes: Choosing Your Divine Influence

Main Scripture: Romans 12:2 (NIV)

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Key Quote:

"Whoever has your ear, holds your future."

1. Identifying the "Coaching Creators"

- What are they? The invisible architects of your character and silent directors of your decisions.
- They create patterns and coach your behavior, often without your conscious permission.
- **Sources of Influence:**
 - What you hear and see (media, conversations)
 - Family background and cultural expectations
 - Friends, colleagues, and social media
 - Workplace environments
 - Past experiences, fears, and desires
- The world's coaching is a **deliberate system**, not an accident, designed to pressure you into a mold God never intended.

2. The Danger of Wrong Coaching

- **Spiritual Weakening:** Prayer feels dry, Word reading becomes inconsistent, worship feels distant.
- **Clouded Decisions:** Choices are based on external pressure, not Spirit-led purpose.
- **Delayed Destiny:** God's plan gets put on hold as you build a life that doesn't satisfy.
- **Evidence in Life:** Rushed marriages, debt for appearances, compromised values, pursuing worldly success over godly purpose.

3. The Ultimate Question: Who's Coaching You?

- Is it family, friends, social media, workplace culture, or your own insecurities?
- **Fundamental Principle:** The voices you permit to speak into your life are actively creating the person you are becoming.

4. Returning to Your First Coach

- You were **created, designed, formed, and assigned by God.**
- God must be your **Head Coach**—your first voice, not your last resort.
- The Holy Spirit is your **personal Guide, Counselor, Teacher, and Comforter.**

5. Practical Steps to Divine Coaching

1. Conduct a Spiritual Audit:

- Honestly inventory the voices you listen to daily.
- Ask: Are these influences drawing me closer to God or pulling me away?

2. Submit Every Decision:

- Before you move, ask: **“Holy Spirit, is this You?”**

3. Seek God First:

- Make prayer your **first response**, not your last resort.
- Let Scripture be your **final authority.**

4. Guard Your Heart:

- Set boundaries with negative influences.
- Be intentional about what you allow into your spirit.

5. Embrace Godly Community:

- Surround yourself with people who point you to Jesus.
- Seek godly mentors and spiritual accountability.

Prayer of Response:

“Father, I disconnect from every wrong influence. I silence every ungodly voice. I break

every chain of people-pleasing. You alone are my Coach. Holy Spirit, take Your rightful place a