

## WHAT IS THE ROLE (IMPACT) OF THE CHURCH ON THE CULTURE?

Is the church to have a positive influence on the general culture in which it is found?

What are examples of the influence of today's church on our present-day cultural values?  
(That was a much "too-difficult" question. It may be easier to answer it in the negative: What are example of the lack of influence of today's church on our cultural values?)

Should there be a restraining influence of the church on the broader culture?

It is a better environment to have the culture give unhindered expression of its true nature or to have it restrained by Christian influence?

Were people really more pious (morally better) in past generations or were they just yielding to social pressures (influenced by the church)?

Is the society in which we live today better (people being more open and less inhibited) than the society of sixty years ago in which people did (or at least pretended to do) the right thing?

Sixty years ago children could walk to school (several blocks away) without parental protection or threat of child abuse but that cannot be done today. (See the previous question.)

Is the statement "Blessed is the nation whose god is the Lord" applicable to the present times in which we live?

Repeat the first five questions in the above list but substitute "individual Christians" for "church."

What (should I, can I, will I) do about having the proper influence?