

# The Three Basic Sources of Shaping Influence

- A. To *shape* is give definite form, organization, or character to; to fashion, adjust, or adapt.
- B. We have studied, sung, and prayed about being “shaped” throughout 2014.
- C. In the simplest of terms, consider the three basic sources of shaping influence.

## I. \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_-Shaped

- A. The mindset: “I am willing to be shaped by the philosophies, practices, and priorities of this world”:
  - 1. The desires of the flesh
  - 2. The desires of the eyes
  - 3. The pride of life
- B. The problem: “*All that is in the world is not from the Father but is from the world*” (1 John 2:16)
  - 1. “*If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him*” (1 John 2:15)
  - 2. “*The world is passing away along with its desires*” (1 John 2:17)

## II. \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_-Shaped

- A. The mindset: “*What I want, when I want it, in the way that I want it.*”
  - 1. Lovers of self
  - 2. Lovers of money
  - 3. Proud
  - 4. Arrogant
  - 5. Abusive
  - 6. Disobedient to parents
  - 7. Ungrateful
  - 8. Unholy
  - 9. Heartless
  - 10. Unappeasable
  - 11. Slanderous
  - 12. Without self-control
  - 13. Brutal
  - 14. Not loving good
  - 15. Treacherous
  - 16. Reckless
  - 17. Swollen with conceit
  - 18. Lovers of pleasure
- B. The problem: “*...rather than lovers of God*” (2 Tim 3:1-5; Jer 17:9; Rom 8:5-8).

## III. \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_-Shaped

- A. The mindset: “Lord: guide me, direct me, lead me, mold me, use me, guard me, help me stand.”
  - 1. “*You are our Father, we are the clay, and you are our potter*” (Isa 64:1-8)
  - 2. “*My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways...*” (Isa 55:8-9)
  - 3. “*Shall the potter be regarded as the clay...?*” (Isa 29:15-16)
  - 4. “*Like clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand*” (Jer 18:1-6)
  - 5. “*Whom he foreknew he predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son*” (Rom 8:28-29)
  - 6. “*Submit yourselves therefore to God*” (James 4:7)
- B. The blessing: “*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works*” (Eph 2:1-10).