

What Really Matters #4

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“Influencing Others To Jesus Is A Necessity”

Influence – “The power to affect how someone develops, acts or thinks.”

Matthew 5:13-16 (NIV) ¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Jeremiah 15:19 (NLT) If you return to me, I will restore you so you can continue to serve me. If you speak words that are worthy, you will be my spokesman. You are to influence them; do not let them influence you!

Developing influence in our lifestyle:

1. I must _____ that I have influence

Galatians 6:4 (Message) Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that.

The Question – _____

Philippians 1:21 (NIV) For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

2. I must _____ my influence

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Proverbs 15:30 (NIV) A cheerful look brings joy to the heart.

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2 Corinthians 1:4 (NLT) He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

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Mark 10:43, 45 (NIV) ⁴³Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant...⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...

1 Corinthians 9:19 (NLT) I am not bound to obey people just because they pay me, yet I have become a servant of everyone so that I can bring them to Christ.

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Psalms 107:2 (NLT) Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out!

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV) But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

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Philippians 2:17 (NCV) Your faith makes you offer your lives as a sacrifice in serving God. If I have to offer my own blood with your sacrifice, I will be happy and full of joy with all of you.

Hebrews 13:16 (NIV) And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

3. I must _____ of my influence

Ephesians 5:15-16 (NLT) ¹⁵ So be careful how you live, not as fools but as those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity for doing good in these evil days.

Colossians 4:5 (NIV) Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

When I **use** my influence God will _____

October memory verse: Romans 15:5 (NIV) May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus.