

THE POWER OF INFLUENCE

Matthew 28:19-20 “Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you and be sure of this. I am with you always even to the end of the age.”

Luke 5:17-19 One day while Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of religious law were sitting nearby. And the Lord's healing power was strongly with Jesus. ¹⁸ Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus, ¹⁹ but they couldn't reach him because of the crowd. So they went up to the roof and took off some of the tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

Luke 5:20-26 Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, “Young man your sins are forgiven.” ²¹ But the Pharisees and teachers of religious law said to themselves, “Who does he think he is. That's blasphemy. Only God can forgive sins.” ²² Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, “Why do you question this in your hearts? ²³ Is it easier to say ‘your sins are forgiven’ or ‘stand up and walk’? ²⁴ So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, “Stand up. Pick up your mat and go home!” ²⁵ And immediately, as everyone watched, the man jumped up, picked up his mat and went home praising God. ²⁶ Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe and they praised God exclaiming, “We have seen amazing things today.”

HOW CAN I INFLUENCE THE PEOPLE IN MY LIFE FOR JESUS?

1. BE _____ FOR MY FRIENDS.

Philippians 2:4 Don't look out only for your own interests but take an interest in others too.

Colossians 4:3 Pray for us too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his plan concerning Christ.

Luke 5:18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus.

2. DON'T LET DIFFICULTIES _____ ME.

Luke 5:19 But they couldn't reach him because of the crowds, so they went up to the roof and took off some tiles.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise as some people think. No he is being patient. He's being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed but wants everyone to repent.

3. _____ TO GET THE JOB DONE.

Luke 5:19 Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

Acts 20:24 But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned to me by the Lord Jesus. The work of telling others the good news about the wonderful grace of God.

Matthew 5:14 “You are the light of the world.”

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Financial Snapshot

Weekly Need*	Last Week	Weekly (Under)
\$ 20,250	\$ 14,550	\$ (5,700)
YTD Need	YTD Given	YTD (Under)
\$830,250	\$822,018	\$ (8,232)

* On July 1st, we reduced our current annual spending plan by \$50,000, from \$1,103,000 to \$1,053,000, which reduced our weekly need to \$20,250.

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