



BE A WORLD-CHANGER!

YOU are a person of influence. Every day, you influence others in the things you say and do, even in the way you smile. Small stuff you do (or don't do) affects people's daily pathways, if only by a degree or two. Yet, down the line, a few degrees can make a world of difference in how they lead their lives. Think about it: one person affects their family and friends. Those family and friends influence a neighborhood. That neighborhood influences a city which influences a region which influences a state which influences a nation which influences the world. See how that works? You ARE a person of influence.

So how can you most effectively influence the world for *God's* Purposes?

1. **Begin by changing your own inner world.** Passionately seek the Truth and the transformation that comes with that discovery. Let the Holy Spirit begin to change how you look at yourself and others and God. Be hungry for the ways God wants to build His Heart of Compassion and Justice into your heart. Be willing to let go of old attitudes which do not serve Jesus (judgement, impatience, critical spirit, etc.). As you gain a new love for people, begin to practice Jesus' radical love in small acts of kindness. Find ways to "wash the feet" of those God brings into your life. You will discover new ways that *you* are loved and valued too!

Romans 12:2 *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...*

Isaiah 64:8 *But now, O LORD, You are our Father, We are the clay, and You our potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand.*

2. **Learn to celebrate God's Generosity every day.** Jesus spoke about how freely the Father gives of Himself to His Creation and how we are to freely give to others also. Look for ways you can bless others with your time, treasure, and talents. The things that you do for others will come back to you. Be creative! Listen to the promptings of the Spirit as you go through your day and "see" the varied ways God is pouring out His Love over someone. Then partner with Him, as the Spirit leads.

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Luke 12:32 *Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.*

Matthew 7:11 *"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!"*

3. **Replace fear with faith.** Learn to discern what motivates you: fear or faith (trust). Let God perfect you in His Love and the pockets of fear will gradually disappear. Even when your ego is screaming for control, make a conscious decision to trust God, let go of your own control, and commit to following Jesus' quiet whisper wherever He may be leading. Risk more. As you gain humble confidence in what God can accomplish through you, people will be affected. This fearful world is thirsty for a sip of Love's pure water. You are the one called to give that sip of refreshment to a parched soul!

1 John 4:18-19 *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love, because He first loved us.*

Matthew 11:28 - 12:1 *Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. ³⁰ "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

Learning to share the awesome love of God is your mission! Understand that God is faithfully, relentlessly loving everyone at all times and that you can align yourself with His Moving to partner with Him in that work. God has given you resources to join Him in that effort. Practice the hospitality and generosity of Jesus. You'll find your life enriched and your world a different place!



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