

## THE POWER OF EXAMPLE

### POWER #2

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*“All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.”*  
(Acts 2:42, NLT)

*“One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” And they left their nets at once and followed him. A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind. Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. News about him spread as far as Syria, and people soon began bringing to him all who were sick. And whatever their sickness or disease, or if they were demon possessed or epileptic or paralyzed—he healed them all. Large crowds followed him wherever he went—people from Galilee, the Ten Towns, Jerusalem, from all over Judea, and from east of the Jordan River.”*  
(Matthew 4:18–25, NLT)

1. Influence means I take risks for the glory of God.

*“I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.”*  
(John 13:15, NLT)

- a. I'm called to an adventure with Jesus!
- b. Do something scary for Jesus!
- c. *"I will be with you always, to the end of the age."*  
(Matthew 28:20, GN)
- d. I'm called to be a passionate follower of Christ; not to be a tourist.

*"Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me." (Matthew 4:19, NLT)*

Application - Never underestimate the providence of God.

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- 2. My influence is strengthened by memory of God's blessings.

*"But that is the time to be careful! Beware that in your plenty you do not forget the LORD your God and disobey his commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today." (Deuteronomy 8:11, NLT)*

*"Remember the LORD your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath." (Deuteronomy 8:18, NLT)*

*"All these blessings will come down on you and spread out beyond you because you have responded to the Voice of GOD, your God: GOD's blessing inside the city, GOD's blessing in the country; GOD's blessing on your children, the crops of your land, the young of your livestock, the calves of your herds, the lambs of your flocks. GOD's blessing on your basket and bread bowl; GOD's blessing in your coming in, GOD's blessing in your going out. GOD will defeat your enemies who attack you. They'll come at you on one road and run away on seven roads. GOD will order a blessing on your barns and workplaces; he'll bless you in the land that GOD, your God, is giving you." (Deuteronomy 28:2-8, Message)*

- a. Become a first-time giver.

*“I could never give away millions of dollars unless I’d given away my first dollar.”* John D. Rockefeller

- b. Become a regular giver.
- c. Become a tither.
- d. Become an extravagant giver.

Application – Put God first in your use of money.

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- 3. My influence increases as I share the Good News of Christ.

*“For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.”* (Romans 1:16, NLT)

*“As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at his tax collector’s booth. “Follow me and be my disciple,” Jesus said to him. So Levi got up and followed him.”* (Mark 2:14, NLT)

*“When Jesus heard this, he told them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.”* (Mark 2:17, NLT)

- a. Move into their world.
- b. Look for hurts God can heal, needs that God can meet, interests that God speaks to.
- c. Build friendships.

Application – Have the eyes of a doctor not a judge.

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