

## INFLUENCING OTHERS

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*“Be sure to pray that God will make a way for us to spread his message and explain the mystery about Christ, even though I am in jail for doing this. Please pray that I will make the message as clear as possible. When you are with unbelievers, always make good use of the time. Be pleasant and hold their interest when you speak the message. Choose your words carefully and be ready to give answers to anyone who asks questions.”*  
(Colossians 4:3-6, CEV)

### 1. Bring out the best in others.

*“You are like salt for everyone on earth. But if salt no longer tastes like salt, how can it make food salty? All it is good for is to be thrown out and walked on.”* (Matthew 5:13, CEV)

You are important.  
You are of High Value.  
You are pure.

*“God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.”*  
(Matthew 5:8, NLT)

### 2. I am to be an Influence of light to others.

*“You are like light for the whole world. A city built on top of a hill cannot be hidden, and no one would light a lamp and put it under a clay pot. A lamp is placed on a lampstand, where it can give light to everyone in the house. Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven.”* (Matthew 5:14-16, CEV)

*“We are not fighting against humans. We are fighting against forces and authorities and against rulers of darkness and powers in the spiritual world.”* (Ephesians 6:12, CEV)

*“Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.” (John 8:12, NLT)*

*“With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, that fateful dilemma is resolved. Those who enter into Christ’s being-here-for-us no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death.” (Romans 8:1-2, Message)*

### **Growth Work**

1. Get to know your neighbors.
2. Practice random acts of kindness.
3. Pray for your neighbors.
4. Be available for them.
5. Invite them to your group.

