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What if everyone looked like you?

(Leveraging your influence for good)

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"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because **your faith is being reported all over the world.**" (Rom 1:8)

4 approaches to influence

Some people use **fear**.

Some people use **guilt**.

Some people use **shame**.

God uses **love**.

"And let us consider one another **to provoke** unto love and to good works:" (Heb 10:24)

"Don't you realize how patient he is being with you? Or don't you care? Can't you see that he has been waiting all this time without punishing you, to give you time to turn from your sin? His kindness is meant to lead you to repentance." (Rom 2:4 TLB)

4 keys to a sustained influence

Acceptance paves the way to influence.

"As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the "sinners" and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: 'Why does he eat with

tax collectors and "sinners"?' On hearing this, Jesus said to them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'" (Mark 2:14-17)

Competence paves the way to influence.

"The crowds were amazed at Jesus' sermons, for he taught as one who had great authority, and not as their Jewish leaders." (Mat 7:28-29)

"**Whatever you do**, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." (Col 3:23-24)

Authenticity paves the way to influence.

"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Mat 5:16)

"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. 'You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 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. In the same way, **let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.**" (Mat 5:13-16)

Humility paves the way to influence.

"Just then his disciples arrived. They were surprised to find him talking to a woman, but none of them asked him why, or what they had been discussing. Then the woman left her waterpot beside the well and went back to the village and told everyone, 'Come and meet a man who told me everything I ever did! Can this be the Messiah?' So the people came streaming from the village to see him." (John 4:27-30)

"Your attitude should be the kind that was shown us by Jesus Christ, who, though he was God, did not demand and cling to his rights as God, but laid aside his mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men. And he humbled himself even further, going so far as actually to die a criminal's death on a cross. Yet it was because of this that God raised him up to the heights of heaven and gave him a name which is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2:5-11)

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