

EKKLESIA #7: BE A JESUS INFLUENCER

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CambDic infl: to affect or change how someone or something develops, behaves or thinks. - **SOCIAL MEDIA individual who has a high level of popularity or authority within their industry.** News Networks, athletes, politicians, culture warriors, actresses

FOR THE CHRISTIAN – JESUS OUR INF – He is the ONE we follow – GREATEST INFL

- Only 500 foll (have more on IG) – **BUILT INFLUENCERS (cald disciples)**

Disciple: a student, learner, apprentice. Following Jesus and his way emulating what he believed, taught, how he lived. Devoted their life to pursuit Him. **HOW MUCH X DAILY**
To be an influence for Jesus you have to be being influenced by Jesus.

CHRISTIANS HAVE 3 types of influence (MAJORITY 3 out of 5 – sharing faith)

Good: living in a way that leads people to see Jesus in your life and follow him

Bad: leave ppl false view of Jesus: **Pharisees: travel lnd/sea make 1 pros 2X son of hell**

None: zero impact at all – to live your life as an undercover Christian – no 1 guess

MP: There are two reasons it matters to influence people for Jesus. First, the only thing you can take with you to heaven are the people you bring with you. Second, influencing people for Jesus is your purpose. Without that you fail as a Christian.

OUR INFLUENCE IS MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN IT'S UNDILUTED and UNCOVERED

Not watered-down xianity lite – Not undercover Xian Salt: POTENT LIGHT: SHINE
MEANS TO BE AN INFLUENCE FOR GOD – “SHARE YOUR FAITH”

- You don't have to be Billy Graham to your neighbors – mem 4 spiritual laws

4 WAYS TO BE A JESUS INFLUENCER – LIFE GROUP QUESTION

- **By loving Jesus authentically:** don't be ashamed that you love Christ more than anything else. Be willing to tell others why –**SAM** - forgiveness/healing

It's your love for God shining naturally through your life that has the greatest impact.

- **By walking in sincere faith:** don't be ashamed to let people know you humbly trust God with your life/decisions (**LET THEM IN ON IT – UR SINGLE Waiting**)
- **By loving people like God Loves them:** If you just do this you will shine because no one else does. **END TIMES:** The love of many grow cold - NOT OURS

Don't take the hate bait – devil wants to suck you in to the world us vs. them

This life isn't about us vs. them it's about leading people to Him.

- **By Acting Like an Influencer:** actions need to reinforce our message
 - o **Speak honor God** neg impact influence is by lying, gossip, hatred,
 - o **Actions speak louder than words**

Ephesians 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light
⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth)

CLEAR CONNECTION – SO THEY SEE AND GLORIFY – USE UR GOD GIVEN PLATFORM

WE WILL HAVE NO INFLUENCE IF WE FOCUS ON OURSELVES

Our gospel influence is intended to spread – GO VIRAL -

- 380,000 churches – 230 million Christians (more than any other country)

- **Christianity is Declining in Western Europe and North America**

U say There's something wrong with culture - there's something wrong with Christians.

THE EARLY CHURCH CHANGED THE WORLD

- **JESUS Strategy:** Jerusalem – Judea – Samaria – ends E (outward growing)

- **Not just geographic personal – THE LIGHT IS TURNED ON**

START HERE: say my family – my neighbo – my city DON'T STOP: my nation – my world

Daniel 12:3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

- **Shine like the stars – light that travels 18 billion light years**

YOU SAY "I don't have the power to do that" YOU'RE RIGHT

THE POWER OF OUR INFLUENCE COMES FROM THE GOSPEL AND HOLY SPIRIT

ITS GOSPEL POWER

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes

- It's not your words – it's His words – Good News – God did it for you through JESUS

ITS HOLY SPIRIT POWER – don't proceed until.....

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

- Baptism HS – empowering influencer **JC - overflow – outpouring VIDEO**

- It is available now but unappropriated – **ENDLESS SUPPLY MONEY**

ITS YOUR DECISION