

*Women & More*  
*A 'call' and 'walk' Experience*

***If We Don't Go, Who Will***

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One of the most amazing things God ever does is to entrust the spread of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to believers. The plan God put into place before ever the first garden-dwellers sinned, the reason Jesus came in the flesh—to redeem sinners; the deliverance of that message has been left to us to broadcast. We're to be the *influence* of His fragrance to the lost, so that they will make the most important decision they'll ever make. And there is no alternate plan!

Albert Schweitzer said about *influence*:

“Example is not the main thing in influencing others, it is the only thing.”

For God to turn us in the direction of His using,  
He may turn us from the direction of our choosing!

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**Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:**

Matthew 18:10 (Verse 11 in some manuscripts: “*The Son of Man came to save what was lost.*”)

Matthew 18:12-14 (the worth of one lost soul in Jesus' *Parable of the Lost Sheep*)

Matthew 25:21a

♥**READ:** Luke 15:1-32—3 Parables—Lost sheep, Lost coin and Lost son.

Romans 12:11

**Scripture to Memorize:**

**Romans 13:8** “*Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.*”

**NOTES on Speaking Session:**

**Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:**

1. Describe a personal experience of sharing the Gospel message of Jesus Christ with someone during the last year.

How are you following up?

2. In what ways do you struggle with your ability to share the Gospel?

**HELP** is here: **1 Thessalonians 5:24** *“The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.”*

*God never asks us to do anything he expects us to do without Him!*

3. Complete the *What style of Influencer are you?* Test on the next two pages, and then follow the directions in the last paragraph to determine how God will most likely use your *influence* to reach lost people.

**Recommended Reading:**

*Becoming a Contagious Christian*, Mark Mittelberg, Lee Strobel and Bill Hybels

*How to Give Away Your Faith*, Paul E. Little

*Revival Signs*, Tom Phillips with Mark Cutshall

What style of *influencer* are you? **Your name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Webster defines influence (noun): 1.the act, power or capacity of producing or causing an effect without apparent force or direct authority and in direct or intangible ways.(verb): 3. to affect or alter by influence; 4. to have an effect on the condition or development of someone or something.

**You are already influencing—is your influence intentional?** Influencing intentionally is choosing to impact other's lives on purpose. This little test will determine pretty closely your influencing style and tendencies—the way that you tend to invest in others, or impact others. The outcome will surprise you in some ways, but confirm to you that you are already a woman of influence and that you have a bent toward influencing in certain ways.

Place the number that best describes you in front of each statement—not what you'd like it to be, but what you already are—and be painfully honest. Give the sentence

**3** points if it is **very true** about you,

**2** points if it is **sometimes true** and

**1** point if it is **rarely true**.

If you aren't sure, then ask yourself, "Do I do this because I know it's right, or do I love doing it because it's who I am?" If it is out of obligation, give the statement a lower number. Keep in mind that you're trying to determine how you tend to influence already.

### **Influencer style #1**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am drawn to detail work.

\_\_\_\_\_ I notice those who need help (ill, hurting, etc.), and I don't run from needy people.

\_\_\_\_\_ I like to create quietly.

\_\_\_\_\_ I enjoy meeting the physical needs of others (food, water, medical care, etc.).

\_\_\_\_\_ I like having company in my home. I see myself as hospitable.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want my material possessions to be used to help others, so I don't mind lending them out.

\_\_\_\_\_ I like to nurture or encourage one-on-one, or even silently by doing nice things.

\_\_\_\_\_ My friends see me as a mother at heart.

\_\_\_\_\_ I don't mind serving. In fact, I don't like the spotlight, so I avoid drawing attention to something I've done.

\_\_\_\_\_ Others compliment me on my ability to sacrifice.

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL** points.

### **Influencer style #2**

\_\_\_\_\_ I feel prayer accomplishes more than busywork.

\_\_\_\_\_ I look forward to private worship and enjoy leading others in worship.

\_\_\_\_\_ When someone asks me to pray, I make it a priority to remember to do it.

\_\_\_\_\_ I like to use my talents as a way to worship God rather than just to meet people's needs.

\_\_\_\_\_ I like to keep track of answers to prayer or prayer requests.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the need for spiritual warfare, and I like to equip others in this area.

\_\_\_\_\_ I like to be part of helping the tough-case people, such as drug addicts, gangs or the sexually deviant.

\_\_\_\_\_ I don't enjoy the spotlight or crowds.

\_\_\_\_\_ Others thank me for "being there" for them in tough times.

\_\_\_\_\_ I like to counsel others when they are having problems.

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL** points.

**Influencer style #3**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Time gets away from me when I study the Bible. I enjoy long blocks of study time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I like to prepare lesson plans. I can pick the main points out of what I read or hear.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I like to teach a consistent group of people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I like to disciple younger believers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I look for opportunities to share with others what I know, so they can know it too.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer having a few close friends rather than many acquaintances.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I like to see pupils succeed, even if they pass me on the professional ladder.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I like to help clarify people's thinking.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Others thank me for teaching them how to do things.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would rather manage people than products.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL** points.

**Influencer style #4**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I like to speak in public.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I like meeting new people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I like discussions, even if they get lively.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing opposing opinions doesn't make me any less sure of my own. I'm not afraid of taking a public stand.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I regularly read the opinion page, listen to talk radio and watch TV news shows.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I love magazines and books because I can use things I've learned from them in conversation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I like to persuade others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am drawn to sales or spokesperson positions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am comfortable talking about my personal religious beliefs in public.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Others compliment my verbal skills.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL** points.

**Influencer style #5**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I was a cheerleader, or wanted to be one, when I was younger.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Others see me as a visionary. I love to dream and plan.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I see the potential in people and circumstances.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I enjoy inspiring others and coaching them to do their best.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I regularly write notes of encouragement or send cards for special occasions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have a long Christmas-card list.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am comfortable in social settings.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I like sentimental things like poetry, tear-jerker movies and photo albums.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am an optimist.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Others thank me for believing in them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL** points.

Add up your points for each influencer style. You will probably be strongest in one or two areas—maybe three. Then look at APPENDIX A in the very back of your notebook to discover the biblical support for your influencing style or styles, women in Scripture who share your style, and your key verse.

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Morning and **Evening** (7 November)

Daily Readings by Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)

“...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem (**Grove**), and in all Judea (**Oklahoma**), and in Samaria (**United States**), and to the ends of the earth (**the world**).” Acts 1:8b—(parenthesis/emphasis mine)

“In order to learn how to discharge your duty as a witness for Christ, look at His example. He is always witnessing: by the well of Samaria, or in the Temple of Jerusalem: by the lake of Gennesaret, or on the mountain’s brow. He is witnessing night and day; His mighty prayers are as vocal to God as His daily services. He witnesses under all circumstances; Scribes and Pharisees cannot shut his mouth; even before Pilate He witnesses a good confession. He witnesses so clearly and distinctly that there is no mistake in Him.

“**Christian, make your life a clear testimony.** Be you as the brook wherein you may see every stone at the bottom—not as the muddy creek, of which you only see the surface—but clear and transparent, so that your heart’s love to God and man may be visible to all.

“You need not *say*, ‘I am true’; **be true.** Boast not of integrity, but **be upright.** So shall your testimony be such that men cannot help seeing it. **Never, for fear of feeble man, restrain your witness. Your lips have been warmed with a coal from off the altar; let them speak as like heaven-touched lips should do.** ‘In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand.’

“Watch not the clouds, consult not the wind—in season and out of season witness for the Savior, and if it shall come to pass that for Christ’s sake and the gospel’s you shall endure suffering in any shape, shrink not, but rejoice in the honor conferred upon you, that **you are counted worthy to suffer with your Lord; and joy also in this—that your sufferings, your losses, and persecutions shall make you a platform,** from which the more vigorously and with greater power you shall witness for Christ Jesus.

“Study your great Exemplar, and be filled with His Spirit. Remember that you need much teaching, much upholding, much grace, and much humility, if your witnessing is to be to your Master’s glory.”