

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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WEEK 1

JESUS CAN USE WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO DO BIG THINGS.

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

1 TIMOTHY 4:12 NIV

DAY 1

It’s easy to look at this verse and focus only on the first part. But we’d be missing so much if we didn’t look at the second half of the verse, too—the part that calls us to set an example for others. In the words we say, the way we live, how we show our love, and even the way we live out our faith, we have the responsibility to use what influence we have to set a good example for the people around us. Think about the kind of example you want to set for others. Do you want to be patient, a faithful friend, have a kind heart? This week, take one step to set that example for others.

“Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.”

TITUS 3:14 NIV

DAY 2

When was the last time you devoted yourself to something? When was the last time you gave all your time, attention, and dedication to something? Maybe it was becoming a master at *Fortnite*, or studying for that difficult final exam last semester, or even learning a new instrument. The truth is, we all devote ourselves to things all the time. But Paul is reminding us here to devote ourselves to the most important thing: doing what is good. When we give our time, energy, and attention to doing what’s good for ourselves and others, we’ll be devoting our lives to using our influence for good. Where are you devoting the most of your energy? Ask God to help you shift your focus to doing what’s good.

“The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

MARK 12:31 NIV

DAY 3

Jesus’ words in this verse are an answer to a question: “*What is the most important commandment?*” In other words, what’s the most important thing we can do as followers of God to show our belief in Him? Put simply: To love others in the same way we love ourselves. To give the same care, kindness, and respect to others that we want for ourselves. Imagine how different our families, schools, communities, and even Small Groups might look if we started loving others the way we love ourselves? Make a list of ways you want others to treat you—things that make you feel loved. Then, try to treat others in your life that same way this week.

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

LUKE 6:31 NIV

DAY 4

One of the fastest ways to lose our influence with others is to treat them poorly. When we are unkind, disrespectful, or hurtful to the people around us, whatever influence we may have had with them gets damaged. Instead of losing the chance to make a difference for the better, we can commit to following this command from Jesus. If we want to be treated well, then that’s the way we should treat others. Making this simple shift in the way we interact with others will not only help us hold onto our influence, it will influence others to treat those around them the same way. This week, commit to being the one who starts the trend of treating others the way you want to be treated.

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

MATTHEW 4:19 NIV

DAY 5

The men Jesus was talking to when He gave this command? They were just ordinary guys. They weren’t famous people, or leaders, or Bible teachers. They were regular people that Jesus called to do BIG things. And the same is true for each of us! Jesus sees us just as we are. He sees the potential we have for big influence and great things when we choose to follow Him. Just as Jesus sent these ordinary fishermen out to find other people and tell them about Him, He calls us to do the same. He calls us to use our gifts and influence to share Him with others. Who in your life could you share a little bit about Jesus with? Commit to starting a conversation with them about Him this week.
