



# Life Changing Direction



CROSS IMPACT

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## Be the Impact - Ps. Shalom

Psalms 115:16 says 'The heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.' God gave the earth to man. He also gave man dominion over the earth. So whatever happens on the earth good or bad happens because of Man. This exchange was so powerful and final, that God will not interfere in earth's affairs without the permission of man. If the influence of God's kingdom is to be known to all mankind, it will happen through the release of your gifts, talents and skills.

If the gospel is to be preached to the unregenerate soul, it will happen when someone preaches it. If people are to be healed, it will happen through our hands. If you want the mountain that stands in your way to be removed, it will happen when you speak to it. If wealth is to be released to the nations of the world, it is going to come through you. This doesn't mean you operate independent of God but on the contrary, you operate because of God. It is up to you to produce in the earth what God has produce in you.

According to Matthew 16:19, God has given you the authority, managerial responsibility and legal right to lose God's inspired ideas and concepts and dreams and visions into the earth. He also gave us the power to bind poverty and bareness and scarcity and deficiency and any other dysfunction that hinders kingdom of God growth in the earth. Jesus teaches His disciples to pray in Luke 11:2 says, "When you pray say...your kingdom come." Your will be done as it is in Heaven. Even in our prayers Jesus wants us to reiterate His goal which is to expand the influence of His Kingdom throughout the earth, until earth looks like His kingdom in heaven.

Secondly, as we pray...we are literally inviting God to show up in and bless everything we do. We're asking that His will be reflected in our daily actions and

decisions. God wants to be seen and known in every life and business transaction we make. In other words, Lord's prayer is the believer prayer. We make prayer for those who are ready to reap abundant blessing by aligning their personal and professional life with the will of God. It is the prayer you pray for your family "Lord, may the influence of your kingdom be in our home. Let my family be a reflection of you to everyone we meet."

It's the prayer you pray for your business..."Lord may the influence of your kingdom be seen in the way we conduct and transact business." let out leaders and staff be a reflection of you to everyone we do business with." This is the prayer for world changers. God's will being done in the earth is not automatic; it is deliberate and intentional. "Here I am Lord use me; you can't expect your dreams to come to pass by staying motionless. You must give something, start something and do something that moves you one step closer to fulfilling your passion. Each step is just one step. Ignite your faith and take one step? God's blessing move at the speed of your obedience. The more you step out to make a impact in the kingdom, the more blessings will flow into your life. God has unleashed enough of himself in you for your to accomplish His will.

God's part is to release to you everything you need to complete your assignment. Your part is to utilize everything He has given you to make earth look like heaven. Luke 19:13 says 'Do business until I come...' God wants you to execute His will in the earth in Him, behalf by employing the spiritual and natural gifts, He's given you.

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## **The Power to Influence - Pastor Taffi L. Dollar**

As a child of God, you have inherited the blessing, which includes the ability to influence people for God and His kingdom.

### **1. God wants every Christian to influence others for Christ.**

- a. You should strive to bring others to Christ (Jude 22, 23).
- B. Believers are to be living examples of Jesus Christ (2 Cor 3:1-3).
- C. Christians are Christ's personal representatives and should represent Him in everything they do.

### **2. God has a purpose for having influence.**

- a. Influence is the power to produce an effect without any apparent exertion.
- b. An influential person demonstrates Christ through his or her lifestyle.
- C. The blessing of God enables you to influence others for the Kingdom of God and dispense goods to them (Genesis 12:2, 3).
- D. In order to have influence on others, you must have contact with them. Don't be afraid to interact with those who don't know the Lord.

### **3. People of influence make a significant impact on others and demonstrate the power and goodness of God.**

- a. The Samaritan woman's brief encounter with Jesus influenced her to such a point that multitudes of people were drawn to Him as a result of His impact on her life (John 4:27-30, 39-42).
- b. Peter and John used the name of Jesus to release the power of God to heal the lame man's body. As a result, he began praising God, drawing people to the Lord (Acts 3:4-10).
- c. Peter and John were bold for the Lord and their impact on the lame man had a big influence on those around them (Acts 4:13-22). {They were told not to speak in the name of Jesus any more but that didn't stop them.}

King Solomon had so much influence and wealth that the Queen of Sheba lost her breath when she saw all that he possessed and the wisdom that he had (1 Kings 10: 1-10).

### **Seven ways to have an impact on other people are:**

- 1. Be an example of the Word in action.
- 2. Demonstrate love and compassion.
- 3. Be a giver.
- 4. Don't be afraid to make contact with those who don't have a relationship with God.
- 5. Make fulfilling God's will for your life your top priority.
- 6. Remain stable, committed and consistent.
- 7. Be willing to help people.

## **Speak Up**



little boy was kneeling beside his bed with his mother and grandmother and softly saying his prayers, "Dear God, please bless Mummy and Daddy and all the family and please give me a good night's sleep."

Suddenly he looked up and shouted, "And don't forget to give me a bicycle for my birthday!!!"

"There is no need to shout like that," said his mother. "God isn't deaf."

"No," said the little boy, "but Grandma is."

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## Impression or Impact - Charles F. Stanley

**I. Introduction:** Is your life making an impact? Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth . . . You are the light of the world" (Matt. 5:13-14). In other words, our impact on others should be as significant as the effect salt has on food or light has on darkness. People should see something compelling in us. As we abide in Jesus, He shines through to impact those around us.

### II. We are called to be salt.

**A. Salt preserves.** In ancient times, it was used to keep meat from spoiling. Salt was as important to meat preservation as a refrigerator or freezer is to us today. When our character faithfully represents Jesus Christ, we have a positive influence on our culture.

**B. Salt flavors.** As believers, our lives should make a difference, just as salt changes the taste of food. Even if we're not well educated, wealthy, or powerful, we can impact others. By allowing the Holy Spirit to live through us, we bring powerful change to the "flavor" of society.

**C. Salt penetrates.** It doesn't take much of this seasoning before the whole dish tastes like salt. That's how pervasive the influence of a godly life can be.

**D. Salt creates thirst.** When you walk in peace, confidence, and security—especially in the midst of pain or suffering—you demonstrate that you've found the source of peace. Your godly lifestyle creates a thirst for the truth.

**E. Salt spreads.** A little salt can flavor the whole batch of food. That's the way the gospel works. The message of Jesus Christ began with a small group of disciples and spread all over the earth. Sharing what Jesus has done for you personally is one of the most effective forms of evangelism.

**F. Salt can lose its strength.** Jesus said, "If the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything" (Matt. 5:13). In biblical times, salt was collected by evaporating sea water. Dirt or sand was sometimes col-

lected along with the water. Because the resulting mixture was not very salty, it would be discarded as useless. In a similar way, believers who tolerate sin in their lives lose most of their ability to impact others for the gospel.

### III. We are called to be light.

**A. Light comes from Christ.** Jesus told His followers that they were the light of the world (Matt. 5:14). The faithfulness of Jesus' disciples—who were, for the most part, uneducated fishermen—changed the world forever.

**B. Light points the way.** A lighthouse guides ships through treacherous waters. A lantern illuminates a path at night. Ask God to give you opportunities to counsel other believers or share the plan of salvation with those who haven't been enlightened.

**C. Light reveals.** One tiny candle can be seen across a huge room. You don't need remarkable credentials to share the truth about Jesus Christ.

**D. Light can grow dim.** In a kerosene lantern, the wick must be kept trimmed to get a bright flame. If the wick is too long, it creates soot, and the light shines less brightly. That's similar to what happens when we tolerate sin in our lives. However, if we walk in obedience to Christ, we won't hinder His light from shining through us.

**IV. Conclusion:** What kind of impact are you having? Are you being salt and light in your community? Or is the impact of your life diminished because of sin, compromise, or worldliness? Your conduct, character, and conversation either draw people to the Son of God or drive them away. The Lord calls us to purity. When we seek to please Him with our lives, we become salt and light to the world.



No harm will befall you,  
no disaster will come  
near your tent.



Psalm 91:10



David sang songs of praise to God.

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## The Mysterious Impact of Prayer - Ravi Zacharias

"Prayer is all-efficient panoply, a treasure undiminished, a mine which is never exhausted, a sky unobscured by the clouds, a heaven unruffled by the storm. It is the root, the fountain, the mother of a thousand blessings. . . . The potency of prayer hath subdued the strength of fire, it hath bridled the rage of lions, hushed anarchy to rest; extinguished wars, appeased the elements, expelled demons, burst the chains of death, expanded the gates of heaven, assuaged diseases, repelled frauds, rescued cities from destruction, stayed the sun in its course, and arrested the progress of the thunderbolt." Who can read that and not be tempted to exclaim, "Is that mere rhetoric?" No, not so. Each of the instances referred to by Chrysostom is drawn right out of the Scriptures.

In all of its expressions, whether halting and short or flowing in beautiful, well-structured phrases, prayer is simply a conversation with God. If we turn prayer into a monologue or use it as a way to showcase our gift with words or as a venue for informing or instructing others who may be listening, we defeat the very purpose of prayer. The Bible makes it clear that prayer is intended as the line of connection from the heart of the praying person directly to the heart of God. Jesus himself practiced a lifestyle of prayer and urged his disciples to imitate him by making it part of their daily existence. His prayers represented prayer at its best and most sincere.

Although prayer remains a mystery to all of us but especially to one who lives apart from God, I have observed again and again that even the hardened heart retains a longing for the possibility of communicating with God.

Prayer can accomplish amazing things, reaching into hearts in a way that all the correct answers to questions that are honestly asked sometimes cannot do. Conversely, more certainly than anything else, sustained prayer that seems to bring nothing in response can result in a sense of futility with life and an erosion of faith. Like the myth of Sisyphus, who repeatedly rolled a huge rock up a mountain only to watch it roll down again, unanswered prayer may well be where most of those who have lost their faith began that journey into unbelief. It is not my intention to deny the great disappointments of unanswered prayer or even to attempt to provide answers to why our prayers are

not answered. Rather, I want us to take a good, hard look at what God intends prayer to be.

The most definitive passage on prayer is what is often called the Lord's Prayer or, as some scholars like to call it, the Disciples' Prayer. The highly significant first words carry the weight of all of prayer: "Our Father in heaven." This is a uniquely Christian utterance. In these two words alone—"Our Father"—we recognize, at least implicitly, two truths: the nearness of God as our heavenly Father, and the sovereignty of God as the one who controls everything. As soon as you cry out in prayer, "Heavenly Father," you are recognizing his sovereign rule over your life. And on the heels of the Lord's Prayer and as his conclusion to it, Jesus tells us that God will give the Holy Spirit, his indwelling presence, to those who ask for it. That is the whole point of the prayer. It is not spoken in the form of a question—it ends with an exclamation point. God will give the gift of the indwelling presence of the holy God to any who ask for it—this is an absolute certainty! You can count on it!

We have turned prayer into a means to our ends and seldom wait on God's response long enough to think about what he wants for us in that very moment. By reducing the evidence of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to one particular gift, we have robbed people of the Holy Presence that prompts us in prayer, prays for us when we don't have the words to pray for ourselves, and comforts us in our times of need.

The paramount need in the church today and in the individual Christian is the indwelling presence of God. In this incredible twist, the indwelling presence of God, the Holy Spirit, makes God both the enabler of our prayers and the provider of answers to those prayers. More than anything else, this is what prayer is about—training one's hungers and longings to correspond with God's will for us—and it is what the Christian faith is all about. Paul reminds us of this numerous times. Jesus talks of the prompting from within and the provision that comes from without, which is the work of the Holy Spirit within us and the provision of God from without.

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## BIRTHDAY BASH...



### Night Prayer On 28th August

Faheheel @ 9pm

Salmiya @ 10pm



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**Faheheel - 10:30 am**

**Annex Hall - 4 pm**

**Hall of Hope - 6pm**

*Faheheel on Every 1st Monday @ 7pm*

**SALMIYA FROM SEP 2014**

