

HOW → TO
INCREASE *your*
INFLUENCE

SMALL GROUP
Member Guide

Week ONE



We are Called to INFLUENCE the Culture through GOOD WORKS.

*We are created for a purpose, on purpose, to fulfill God's purpose!

GOOD WORKS = RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

¹³Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

¹⁴Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

¹⁵Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

¹⁷Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

¹⁸For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Matthew 5:13-18 | KJV

Discussion

1 What does it mean to you personally to influence others as salt and light in your current environment? Can you share a specific example where you felt you made a positive impact?

2 Pastor mentioned common doubts people have about their ability to influence (e.g., not having the personality, resources, or connections). What barriers or doubts have you experienced about your ability to make a difference? How does the concept of "good works" help you overcome those doubts?

3 What is one intentional act of kindness you can commit to this week to be salt and light?

This WEEK

1 During this small group session, we challenge you each week to be intentional and do one random act of kindness!

2 Invite a friend to join you next week at your Small Group.

Week TWO



**Good Works are a MUST
to fulfill your DESTINY**

*Good works display the fruit of the spirit.

OUR RELATIONSHIPS DETERMINE OUR ACHIEVEMENTS.

OUR FRIENDS DETERMINE OUR FUTURE.

WE ARE THE AVERAGE OF THE 5 CLOSEST PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES.

¹⁰We have become his poetry, a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it!

Ephesians 2:10 | TPT

Discussion

1 / Reflect on the five closest people in your life. How are they influencing your direction, growth, and achievements? Are there any adjustments you feel led to make in your relationships to better align with God's purpose for your life?

2 / Can you share an experience in which a small act of kindness had a significant impact on someone else or opened doors in your own life?

3 / Pastor talked about living a life of no regrets, fulfilling your purpose, and hearing God say, "Well done." What steps can you take this week to walk toward your destiny, incorporating kindness, service, or intentional acts to make a lasting impact?

This WEEK

1 Take some time this week to evaluate your 5 closest friends. Start by asking yourself these 2 questions:

- a. Do they inspire me to grow spiritually, emotionally, and personally?
- b. Do they speak truth into my life with love, hold me accountable when needed, and celebrate my wins without envy?

2 Learn more about the XO Conference happening at Church on the Rock on February 21 and 22 at cotr.org/xo.

Week THREE



Look for OPPORTUNITIES to do good works

*What you look for, you will eventually find.

OPPORTUNITIES ARE COMING TO YOU OR BY YOU EVERY DAY OF YOUR LIFE.

¹⁴Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Titus 2:14 | KJV

DON'T JUST LIVE TODAY, MAKE TODAY COUNT!

¹⁴Who gave Himself on our behalf that He might redeem us (purchase our freedom) from all iniquity and purify for Himself a people [to be peculiarly His own, people who are] eager and enthusiastic about [living a life that is good and filled with] beneficial deeds.

Titus 2:14 | AMP

THROUGH GOOD WORKS, YOU GAIN FAVOR!

²⁷He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

Proverbs 11:27 | KJV

Discussion

1 Pastor emphasizes that "what I'm looking for, I eventually find." How can you train yourself to look for opportunities to do good works in your daily life? What are some simple ways we can show kindness in our workplace or personal life?

2 Titus 2:14 calls us to be "eager and enthusiastic" about good works. What does being eager and enthusiastic look like in your current season of life? What are some practical ways you can show this attitude in your workplace, school, or family?

3 Can you recall a time when showing kindness or going the extra mile brought unexpected favor or opportunities in your life?

This WEEK

- 1 Do one random act of kindness this week!
- 2 Invite a friend to join you next week at your Small Group.

Week FOUR



You can take Good Works with you to Heaven

***Good works are not for people, they're for God!**

¹³ And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Revelation 14:13 | KJV

WHAT I DO NOW DETERMINES MY ROLE, MY RESPONSIBILITY, AND MY REWARD IN HEAVEN!

Our good works follow us to Heaven.

¹² And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Revelation 22:12 | KJV

Discussion

1 / Revelation 14:13 teaches that our good works follow us to Heaven. How does knowing this change your perspective on acts of kindness and generosity?

2 / Reflect on a time when you performed good works that benefited others but received no gratitude or acknowledgment in return. How did you respond in that situation? After hearing Pastor's teaching, how might your response differ today?

3 / What are some challenges you've faced in staying consistent with good works? How can this group encourage you to remain faithful in your generosity?

This WEEK

1 Do one random act of kindness this week!

2 Invite a friend to join you next week at your Small Group.

Week **FIVE**



You can WIN people to Christ through Good Works

¹ Laboring together [as God's fellow workers] with Him then, we beg of you not to receive the grace of God in vain [that merciful kindness by which God exerts His holy influence on souls and turns them to Christ, keeping and strengthening them—do not receive it to no purpose].

2 Corinthians 6:1 | AMP

INFLUENCE THROUGH KINDNESS!

Our good works follow us to Heaven.

¹² Live honorable lives as you mix with unbelievers, even though they accuse you of being evildoers. For they will see your beautiful works and have a reason to glorify God in the day he visits us.

1 Peter 2:12 | TPT

Discussion

1 What are three practical ways you can show kindness to someone in your family, workplace, or community this week?

2 Does knowing your acts of kindness affect someone's life in eternity shift your mindset on acts of kindness?

This WEEK

1 Choose a specific friend, coworker, or family member, and intentionally show them kindness through your good works this week.

2 Invite a friend to sit with you in service this Sunday!

Week SIX



The ministry of Good Works will bring your Dreams to pass

"You can have everything in life you want if you will just help enough other people get what they want." Zig Ziglar

BE INTENTIONAL AND BLESS OTHERS DAILY.

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AND LEAD OTHERS TO CHRIST THROUGH RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS.

LEAVE PEOPLE BETTER THAN YOU FOUND THEM.

¹⁴So then, as occasion and opportunity open up to us, let us do good [morally] to all people [not only being useful or profitable to them, but also doing what is for their spiritual good and advantage]. Be mindful to be a blessing, especially to those of the household of faith [those who belong to God's family with you, the believers].

Galatians 6:10 | AMP

⁸Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

Ephesians 6:8 | KJV

WHAT I MAKE HAPPEN FOR OTHERS, GOD WILL MAKE HAPPEN FOR ME!

Discussion

1 Are the people around us better because of us? Are we adding value to their lives?

2 How has this semester impacted your life?

3 How can we continue to implement what we have learned for the weeks and months to come?

This WEEK

- 1 Create a daily "Good Works" checklist. Write down three simple ways you can add value to someone's life.
- 2 Send an encouraging message to at least one person each week with a personal text, email, or phone call. Let them know they're appreciated.