



Walking in Kingdom Influence

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Intro

Influence Kingdom influence isn't about control, popularity, or power—it's about carrying Heaven's culture into earth's systems with authenticity and authority. As ambassadors, we don't mimic the world's methods but represent the King, releasing transformation like heaven that permeates everything it touches. This teaching unpacks the difference between counterfeit influence and true Kingdom impact, helping you recognize your role, walk in God-given authority, and apply it practically in your family, community, and world.

My Intention and Assumptions

I hope that your relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is strengthened through this teaching. My assumption is that you have read or are reading all 66 books of the Bible for context. This is meant to be 'salt' and make you thirsty. You're welcome.

About the Author

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Focus Section

This teaching explores the difference between Kingdom influence and counterfeit influence, the ambassadorial role of believers, the principle of leaven, and how influence manifests practically in everyday life. Influence in the Kingdom is not about control, manipulation, or platform—it flows from presence, servanthood, and love.

Key Truths

1. Kingdom vs. Counterfeit Influence

- The world often influences through fear, manipulation, dominance, or platform-building.
- The Kingdom influences by demonstrating servanthood, carrying God's presence, and walking in love (Matthew 20:25–28).
- True influence is not about gaining followers but about pointing people to Christ.

2. The Ambassador Role

- As ambassadors of Christ, our influence is tied to representation (2 Corinthians 5:20).
- An ambassador doesn't carry their own agenda—they speak on behalf of the one they represent.
- Influence is effective when it reflects the values and authority of the Kingdom, not personal ambition.

3. The Leaven Principle

- Jesus described the Kingdom as leaven that permeates the whole lump of dough (Matthew 13:33).
- Small, faithful deposits—consistent acts of love, truth, and obedience—bring transformation on a large scale.
- Kingdom influence often works quietly and steadily, eventually shifting culture and atmosphere.

4. Practical Application

- **Family:** Influence by cultivating an atmosphere of honor, grace, and truth.
 - **Workplace:** Influence through integrity, excellence, and serving others over self.
 - **Church:** Influence by modeling humility, unity, and love rather than striving for position.
 - **Community:** Influence through acts of kindness, justice, and standing as a voice of hope and truth.
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Teaching Points

- Influence is not neutral—it either advances the Kingdom or reflects the counterfeit.
 - Kingdom influence multiplies because it flows from God’s presence, not human striving.
 - The credibility of Kingdom influence comes from character and faithfulness, not charisma.
 - True influence requires a posture of surrender to the King, not self-promotion.
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Activation & Reflection

1. **Activation Exercise:** Ask participants to identify one area where they currently hold influence (family, work, ministry, community). Invite them to write down how they can shift from striving to serving in that space.
 2. **Group Discussion:** Where do we see counterfeit influence (fear, manipulation, platform) most at play in culture today? How does the Kingdom offer a higher way?
 3. **Declaration:** *“I am an ambassador of Christ. My influence is not my own—it flows from His presence in me. Small acts of faithfulness carry great weight in the Kingdom.”*
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Summary Flow

- **Contrast:** Worldly influence vs. Kingdom influence.
- **Identity:** We are ambassadors, not self-promoters.
- **Principle:** Leaven teaches us the power of faithfulness.
- **Application:** Influence starts small and spreads into every area of life.

Final Thought: Influence in the Kingdom is not measured by how many people know your name, but by how many encounter His through your life.