

“THE POWERFUL IMPACT OF EXAMPLE”

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Recently I visited with a young man who works for a large company and whose supervisor is a Christian. When the supervisor's name came up the young man spoke of him in glowing terms. He told me his supervisor was a dedicated Christian who lived everyday by his beliefs. As I went on my way I recalled the words of Jesus when he said, *“Let your light so shine before men that they many see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven,”* and I thanked God for this brother whose example is so powerful for good.

No doubt all of us have been powerfully influenced by those who lived Christianity everyday. It might have been a parent, a teacher, a fellow worker, or a friend. Having felt the influence of godly people, we are now to be powerful influences for good ourselves.

Someone has said that the most powerful testimony for the truth of the Christian religion is not well worded arguments presented with human logic, but rather the teachings of Christ lived before a watching world by those who claim to be His followers.

In a discussion of Bible translations a young man was heard to say, “I like Grandma's translation of the Bible, she lived it.” When it is a translated life, the message cannot be missed. You and I will never speak so eloquently as when we are living the Truth ... or failing to do so.