



Circle of Influence

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Why do Some Christians Struggle?

- Hard to grow in faith
- Difficult to assemble regularly
- No time for Bible Classes
- Do not participate in activities
- Cannot connect with other members
- And other shortcomings



Why is Some Food hard to swallow?

- Drop by any hawker centre
- Some stalls have little business
- Some have long queues
- Essentially, same mix of food
- Like Christians, some do better
- Answer: Something is missing



So what is the missing ingredient?

- No doubt, variety of reasons
- Like food, also many factors
- But if we get to basics...
- One important factor
- Common to food and the Christian
- Salt



Salt...

Matthew 5:13

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



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to
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A
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3 persons to influence in 2010

- Anyone can do it
- No target eg as in soul winning
- Just understand that we are Salt
- Cannot lose savour or be cast out
- Each year 3; 10 years, 30
- Simply reaching out and touching
3 lives with love of Jesus



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1st Circle of Influence

- A new friend for 2010
- A member or visitor or
- Neighbour, community, office...
- Someone you can invite to church
- Keep in touch socially
- Service them like you would a client
- Goal is not conversion but friendship
- Proverbs 18:24



Proverbs 18:24

A man that hath friends
must shew himself friendly:
and there is a friend
that sticketh closer than a brother.



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2nd Circle of Influence

- A prayer partner
- Any member of church
- Same sex, if possible
- From Bible class or Care team
- Start sms requests, share concerns
- Breakfast fellowship
- Praying together – Matthew 18:19



Matthew 18:19

Again I say unto you,
That if two of you
shall agree on earth
as touching any thing
that they shall ask,
it shall be done for them
of my Father which is in heaven.



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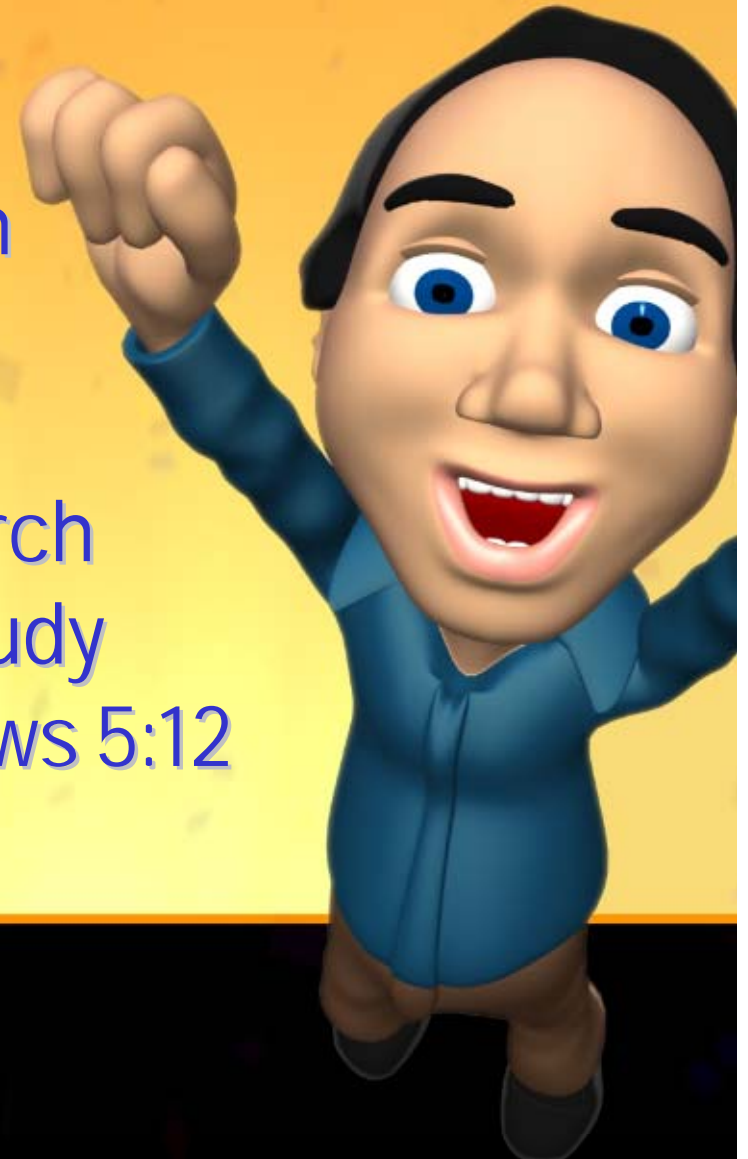
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3rd Circle of Influence

- A person to mentor
- Anyone, church or not church
- Same sex, if possible
- Encourage him in his faith
- Get him to participate in church
- Find opportunity for 1-on-1 study
- Time to be a teacher – Hebrews 5:12



Hebrews 5:12

For when for the time
ye ought to be teachers,
ye have need
that one teach you again
which be the first principles
of the oracles of God;
and are become such as have
need of milk, and not of strong meat.



Conclusion

- Grow in Influence



Matthew 5:16

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



Conclusion

- Grow in Influence
- Take the only thing possible that we can bring to heaven



Hebrews 2:10

For it became him,
for whom are all things,
and by whom are all things,
in bringing many sons unto glory,
to make the captain of their salvation
perfect through sufferings.



Conclusion

- Grow in Influence
- Take the only thing possible
that we can bring to heaven
- No longer walk alone



Acts 9:39

All the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

