

The Amazing Power of Human Example to Influence People for God

Acts 20:17-38

I think it would be hard to disagree with the view that he is one of the six or seven most influential leaders in the history of the human race. One of the most influential people in history.

See Timothy Keller
*(The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness:
The Path to True Christian Joy)*

**“You Know How I Lived
Among You”**

“You yourselves know”

A Role Model to Imitate

A Call to Follow

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- 1 Thessalonians 1:5-6 – “You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord.”
- 2 Thessalonians 3:7, 9 – “For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us . . . It was not because we do not have that right [to financial support], but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.”
- Philippians 3:17 – “Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.”

- Philippians 4:9 – “What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things.”
- 1 Timothy 4:12 – “Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”
(also Titus 2:7–8)
- Hebrews 13:7 - Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. (see also Heb. 6:12)

**“Follow me and I will make you fishers
of men” and shepherds of people.**

**The apostle Peter calls on elders to be
“examples to the flock” 1 Peter 5:3.**

“The most powerful leadership tool you have is your personal example.”

John Wooden

Lasting Memories

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Humility, Tears, and Persecution

- Verses 18-19: “[I served] the Lord with all humility and with tears and trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews.”
- Verse 20: “how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house.”
- Verse 27: “for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.”

