

THE PERSONAL INFLUENCE INVENTORY

An application of *Spiritual Influence: The Hidden Power Behind Leadership* by Mel Lawrenz
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From the conclusion of *Spiritual Influence: The Hidden Power Behind Leadership*, "Where Do We Go From Here?"...

We've talked about twenty different themes that fit into (a) getting grounded, (b) taking initiative, (c) going deep, and (d) facing challenges. Each of us will go through phases in which one or the other of these dynamics is most important.

One person will think, "I really need to get more fully connected with God. To learn or relearn what it is to follow Christ. To build the integrity of my personal life. I have been trying to be a good influence, but I've not appreciated the power of God's influence on me first."

Another will say, "I need to get into action, to take initiative on what I already possess. I know what is right. I know what needs to be done. This is not a time to hesitate. The needs are too great. The stakes are too high. I hear the voice of God challenging me to exercise influence by seizing opportunities, by exploring some new horizons, by being bold enough to do justice and love mercy."

Yet another person will have this conviction: "I need to go deeper. My influence and leadership have been superficial. Merely pragmatic. I know I need to apprehend the deep wisdom of God—and his power, authority, and truth. I need to stop flexing my muscles, and instead tie into the immense and mysterious power of the Spirit of God. I don't just want to influence people by moving bodies around. I want to be used by God to have an enduring effect in people's lives."

And a different person will think: "I realize now I am limited by challenges I need to face. I have paid more attention to the expectations of people than the expectations of God. I did not realize that I have been bleeding from wounds, crippled by criticism, or paralyzed by a sense of failure. I need God's patience, forgiveness, support, and guidance. I know I need to persevere and plod."

INSTRUCTIONS:

You will see below the topics of each of the 20 chapters in the book *Spiritual Influence* by Mel Lawrenz.

In the circles... On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is this issue for you in the next 12 months?

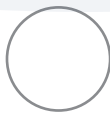
1 - of no importance **2** - of little importance **3** - important **4** - very important **5** - urgently important

In the writing space... For anything that is a 3 or higher, what is one action you might take to grow in that area?

Getting Grounded

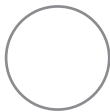
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Understand Influence

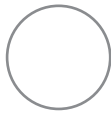


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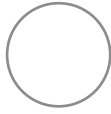
Learn to Follow



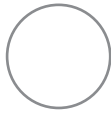
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Engage with God



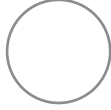
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Build Integrity



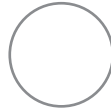
Taking Initiative
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Explore New Horizons



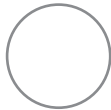
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Stream Ideas



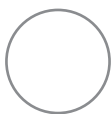
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Seize Opportunities



Chapter 8
Make Things Right

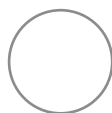


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Speak into Crises

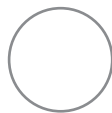


Going Deep

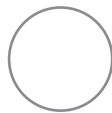
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Develop Discernment



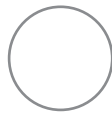
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Pursue Wisdom



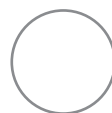
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Receive Power



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Accept Authority

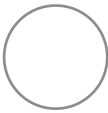


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Promote Truth

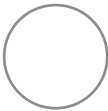


Facing Challenges

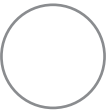
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Manage Expectations



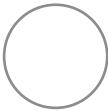
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Persevere and Plod



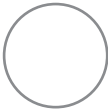
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Expect Wounds



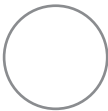
Chapter 18
Deal with Criticism



Chapter 19
Build Past Failure



Chapter 20
Sanctify Ambition



If God were to say to you, "how can I help you with your spiritual influence?" What would you say? What would you pray?

What in the end, is something you received through this exploration of "spiritual influence" that you want to hold onto and go deeper with for years to come?

Who might you connect with to keep discussing the issue of spiritual influence as it applies to your life (friends? co-workers? family?)? Is it possible for you to engage with others for peer coaching?