



THE INSIDE RUNNING

We all impact and influence the lives of others.

At work I see my role as being to serve the mission of Promise Keepers. In the process of doing that there are many opportunities to collaborate with others in a creative environment. I also get the opportunity to contribute ideas as part of the vision of PK. Sometimes this is leadership. Always it is influence!

At home, dealing with challenges I sometimes wonder if I'm being effective in leading my family. Recently my wife Kerrie pointed out that I have enormous influence and really bring direction to the family. I was a little surprised. Often I think we carry a smaller picture of ourselves than the way others and God see us.

The influence of a father lasts a lifetime. If it is positive then it is a lifelong blessing to the children. They may have to cope with any negative aspects for a long time as well. None of us are perfect. We all need to ask God for His help to be a better reflection of Him to others.

Let's step up to be influencers in the way God has called us!

With gratitude

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Leadership is Influence

by Kevin Forlong

John Maxwell said, "Leadership is influence". That statement implies two aspects of what leadership is and how it works. Firstly, you can exercise leadership with anyone or any group of people with whom you have some influence. Secondly, leadership in itself is exercising influence in the lives of those you lead. It is influencing them in their thinking, behaviour, decision making, etc.

I also like another statement Maxwell made, "A leader is one who **knows** the way, **goes** the way, and **shows** the way." This encapsulates what effective leadership is - it is leadership by example.

The Apostle Paul in writing to the Corinthians says, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." 1 Cor 11:1. This is what Christian leadership is all about: Living our lives as Christ would live His life in this 21st Century. Living our lives in a way that gives an example that others can follow. Showing the right way by going the right way ourselves.

Leadership begins with leading ourselves before we try to lead others. Getting our thinking and mindsets aligned with God's Word and from that right thinking, making the right choices.

As men, we have influence with a range of other people. With our wives and children, with our workmates and

neighbours, with extended family members, people we play sports with or connect with at church. Each of those relationships gives us an opportunity to exercise leadership through the way we live our own lives.

Remember this, the most effective leadership is based on relationship not position. A person who relies on their position to exercise their leadership will find their influence hard to maintain. Most people will obey someone who has a legitimate role of authority for a period of time but if they continually act bossy and controlling we are increasingly less likely to respond to them as our respect for them wanes. On the other hand, if that same person builds a meaningful relationship with us and their style of leadership is empowering and releasing rather than restrictive and controlling, we will most likely follow them all the way. >



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A father who is controlling, demanding and relies on his position as head of the home will find as the children begin to mature they begin to resist his demands. On the other hand, if that same father builds close relationships with his children based on open communication about the boundaries he expects them to respect, engaging them in the discussion, the children will begin to understand the benefit of making right choices for themselves.

I grew up as a skinny, asthmatic kid from a pretty broken home. One of my early experiences with true leadership came through an older man who had recently retired from years as a missionary in Papua New Guinea. He took me under his wing for a few months and met with me every morning before I went to work and prayed with me and chatted with me about the scriptures. He gave me a powerful example and built relationship with me in a way that still impacts me over 50 years later!

The Bible is full of reluctant leaders like Jeremiah and Gideon. People who had a low opinion of themselves, had not started life well or lacked what they considered to be essential capacities for leadership. God thought otherwise and spoke to their potential, calling forth their destiny.

- God is not looking for your ability, He only needs your availability.
- Leadership skills can be learned, therefore anyone can develop their

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leadership abilities. Leaders are not born, they emerge through a commitment to the process.

- Leadership flows out of having a healthy sense of identity, replacing our old identity with a new one that reflects all that scripture declares us to be - being "transformed by the renewing of your mind." Insecurity in leadership does untold damage.

Leaders take 100% responsibility for their own lives. They don't make excuses or blame things outside their own control. They respond with reasons and come up with results.

- Leaders understand that developing their leadership skills takes time and is a major priority for their future effectiveness in life.

What do you need to adjust to lead your own life better? What do you need to learn or adjust in order to be a better leader to others?

Build character!



EXPERT PANEL: Leadership - All three panels from *The Call* Event have been compiled and distilled down to this one punchy video. What a great start, as we look forward expectantly to the opportunities God has for us. Speakers: Paul Subritzky, Ivan Bezzant, Kevin Forlong, Craig Vernall, Gary Colville, Iliafi Esera, Norm McLeod, Peter Goulter. 41 min

GENEROSITY: Spread the Message - Often those who have less give more. 3 min

BONUS FEATURES:

- **My Story: Amos Perese Ale** - His bike sounds fantastic but it's his story of redemption that is really gripping! 4 min
- **PK Music: Victory Chant** 2 min 10
- **Event Highlights Pure Power 2014** 3 min 20
- **Craig Gross Willpower Pt 2** - The negative consequences of our actions can follow us for a long time. Craig helps us find a better way to a better future. 19 min
- **GO 2015 Event Promo** 1 min 20
- **Conquer Series for Sexual Purity (Promo)** - This course is getting rave reviews for helping men caught in the trap of porn. 3 min

HUMOUR CLIPS: Jeff Gordon taxi prank; Golf is a contact sport; Dog wants meat 8 min 30

BETTER WORK STORIES: Men on the Move - Loading a bus; Tree felling extraordinaire; Unloading bamboo Taiwan style; Truck skills 7 min

DVD EXTRA RESOURCES Access these using Windows Explorer (PC) or Command F (Mac)

ARTICLES: Including Derek Prince *Behold the Man*; Francis Frangipane *Follow Those Who Follow Christ, The True Pattern*; Kevin Forlong *New Beginnings*; Nikki Bray *Making Your Marriage Flourish*; Robert White *The Pursuit of Character*; Micah Horner *Life After Porn*; Pat Morley *The Rat Race*; Tom O'Neil *Stance Blog Worship God in All You Do*

RESOURCES: Including *Weekly Studies* for Men's Groups with Facilitator Guidelines; *Event Photos Pure Power 2014 AKL*; *Men's Life Stories AKL 2014*; *GO 2015 Advance Brochure* and *Group Leaders' Resources*; Leadership Panel *Study Questions*; *Bible Reading Plans* and more...

MP3s: Including Scott Arbeiter *Leadership in the Home*; Derek Prince *Overcoming Barriers to Healing* **PK Canada:** Bill Farrel *Stepping Up*; Caleb Bislow *Fearless Living* **PKNZ Classics:** Kris Baines *Coaching Juniors*; Craig Vernall *Positioned for Purpose*



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