

**Improving Your Impact
Dawn Is Coming – Part 12
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When you are living God's way you are living a significant life.

John 17:4 (NIV) *"I have brought You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do."*

THREE WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR IMPACT

1. Start Serving

Matthew 23:11 (NIV) *"The greatest among you will be your servant."*

**If you want to make a significant impact
on this world the secret is service.**

1 Peter 5:2-3 (NIV) *"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock."*

To Serve:

- **Choose desire over duty.**

*"...watching over them—not because you must,
but because you are willing, as God wants you to be"*

1 Peter 5:2ab (GW) *"Be shepherds over the flock God has entrusted to you. Watch over it as God does: Don't do this because you have to, but because you want to."*

**You don't make a lasting impact if you have to.
You make a lasting impact if you want to.**

Willing = Energy

Pray: God, I'm willing to be made willing.

- **Choose giving over getting.**

"...not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve;"

1 Peter 5:2c (GW) *"Don't do it out of greed, but out of a desire to serve."*

**You don't make a lasting impact by what you get.
You make a lasting impact by what you give.**

- **Choose being an example over being in control.**

*“...not lording it over those entrusted to you,
but being examples to the flock.”*

1 Peter 5:3 (GW) *“Don’t be rulers over the people entrusted to you,
but be examples for the flock to follow.”*

**You don’t make a lasting impact by telling people what to do.
You make a lasting impact by showing people how to do it.**

**Example = a die or stamp used to make an
impression on something to match the original.**

2. Stay Humble

1 Peter 5:5 (NIV) *“In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, ‘God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.’”*

1 Peter 5:6 (NIV) *“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.”*

Humble = completely dependent on God.

Matthew 23:12 (NIV) *“For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”*

**You don’t make a lasting impact by desiring to be great.
You make a lasting impact by deciding to be humble.**

Philippians 2:8-11 (NIV) *“And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

3. Stop Worrying

Worry tends to make you focus on yourself.

1 Peter 5:7 (NIV) *“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”*

Cast = to throw it upon somebody else

How Do You Stop Worrying?

Philippians 4:6 (NIV) *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”*

**You don’t make a lasting impact by worrying about everything.
You make a lasting impact by praying about everything.**