

The Touch of the Master's Hand - A Man Called Peter

“An Influential Life”

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Matthew 5:13-16

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Introduction:

- A. “You can be a _____ or a _____, but you can't be a _____.”
- B. Today, we want to look at the life of Peter and his _____ on the early _____.
- C. We are going to group these 4 episodes from Peter's life under 2 categories that show the range of influence we can exert.

I. First Category: An Influential Life includes _____ and _____.

- A. The subtitle for this category could be: “The Influence of _____ Love.”
- B. Acts 5:12-16
 - 1. Here we see a catalog of signs and wonders the _____ were doing.
 - 2. The thing that jumps out is the power of Peter's _____.
- C. Acts 9:32-42
 - 1. What great power from God Peter displayed in healing the _____ and in raising _____ from the dead.
- D. An important lesson we learn is that God does not expect us to give something we _____.
 - 1. What have I _____ from God that I can _____ to encourage and help others?

II. Second Category: An Influential Life includes _____ and _____.

- A. A subtitle for this category could be: “The Influence of _____ Love.
- B. Acts 5:1-11
 - 1. Ananias and Sapphira liked the accolades that Barnabas received for his generosity, but they didn't want to _____ what he _____ to receive such accolades.
 - 2. We know that this was a special period in the life of the early church and it was critical that the apostles be seen as having exceptional _____ and _____ for leadership.
 - 3. We notice that lying is not just lying to people, but to _____, and that all lying involves _____, the father of lies.
 - 4. I'm sure this was _____ and _____ thing for Peter to be involved in.
- C. Acts 8:1-24
 - 1. When Simon the _____ tried to buy the ability to pass on the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit, Peter applied the tough love of _____ and _____.
- D. When we see or hear about a brother or sister who has gone _____, we need to go to them in the spirit of love and concern, and we need to discuss the situation with them (Eph. 4:15; Gal. 6:1-2; 1 Cor. 5:2, 11; 2 Cor. 5-11).

Conclusion: Keep in Mind...

- A. Our lives have influence whether we are _____ to have an impact or _____.
- B. Our positive influence and “shadow” is based on our relationship with _____.

Answer Key: Intro.A. Blot, blessing, blank. B. impact, church. I. Encouraging, Helping. I.A. Tender. I.B.1. apostles. I.B.2. shadow. I.C.1. paralytic, Dorcas. I.D. don't, have. I.D.1. received, give. II. Rebuking, Correcting. II.A. Tough. II.B.1. do, did. II.B.2. power, insight. II.B.3. God, Satan. II.B.4. not, easy. II.C.1. Sorcerer, rebuke, correction. II.D. astray. Concl.A. trying, not. B. God.