

The Power of Low Impact Influence

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Acts 4.32-35; 6.1-7

“High impact” influence is often aggressive. It seems powerful and immediate but does not have lasting influence. “Low impact” often seems subtle but has long lasting influence.

The New Testament teaches a low impact ethic.

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Romans 12:16

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh ; rather, serve one another humbly in love. Galatians 5:13

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Ephesians 5:21

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, Hebrews 10:24

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. 1 Peter 3:8

Acts 4.32-35

- This is the post ascension, Spirit-filled church.
- Their identity is “In Christ.”
- But it is an ideal picture.
- We must go through conflict to have real relationship.

Acts 6.1-7

- There was a deeply rooted racial conflict within the church.
- It manifested in the way Greek widows were treated.
- The church chose a low impact way to solve the problem: They gave authority for fixing the problem to seven Greek men.
- They preferred each other.
- They submitted to each other.
- They loved one another.