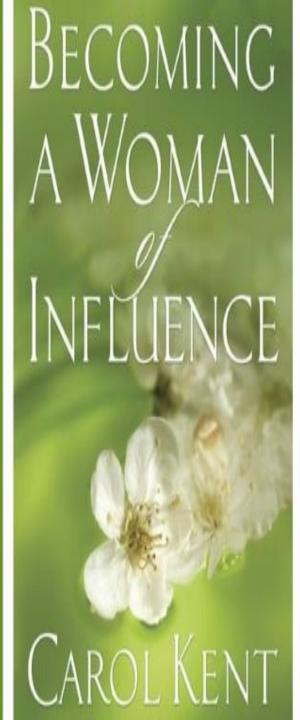
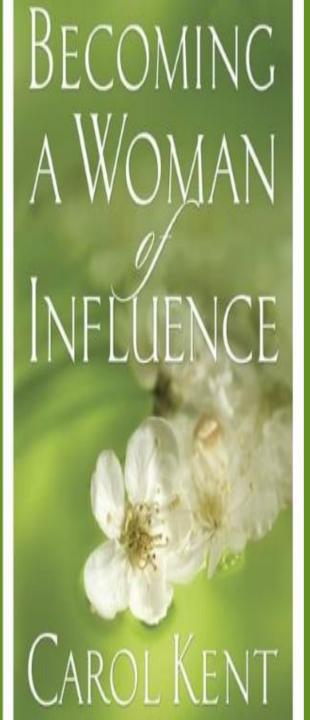


Influencing Others to Choose Faith



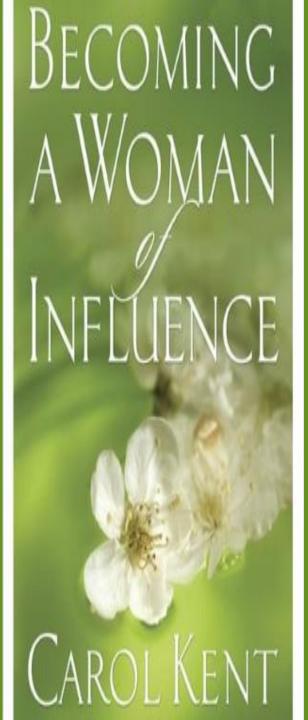
"Somewhere along the line every Christian wishes for someone to help negotiate the twists and turns of life."

--Donna Otto



WHAT IS INFLUENCE?

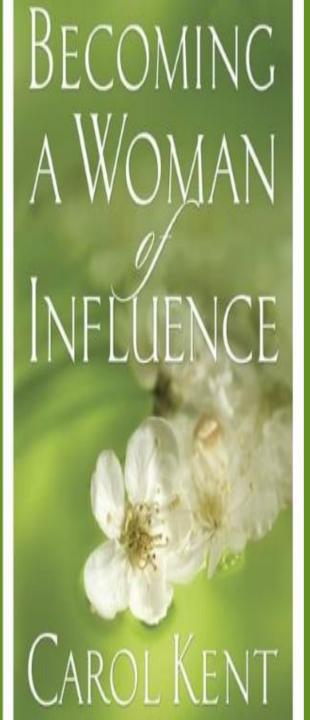
Influence is a person's indirect power over people, events or things, not through the exercise of physical force or formal authority, but by the force of character or wisdom.



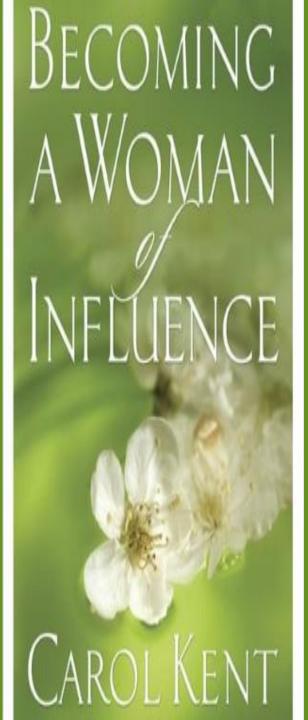
GODLY INFLUENCE IS POWERFUL!

"Spirituality is not easy to define, but its presence or absence can easily be discerned...It is the power to change the atmosphere by one's presence, the unconscious influence that makes Christ and spiritual things real to others."

-- J. Oswald Sanders

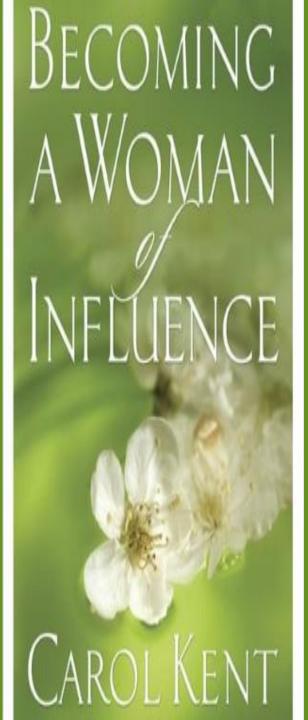


SEVEN LIFE CHANGING PRINCIPLES



#1 THE PRINCIPLE OF TIME ALONE WITH GOD

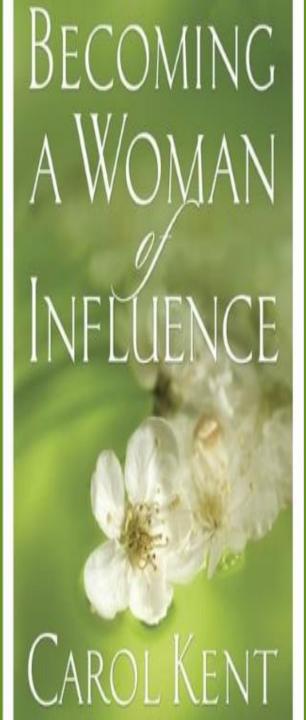
No matter how busy Jesus was, He spent time alone with His Father. He found that this brought clarity and power to His mission.



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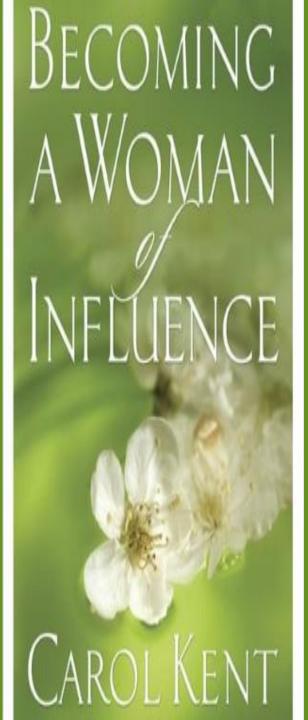
"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."

(Mark 1:35 NIV)



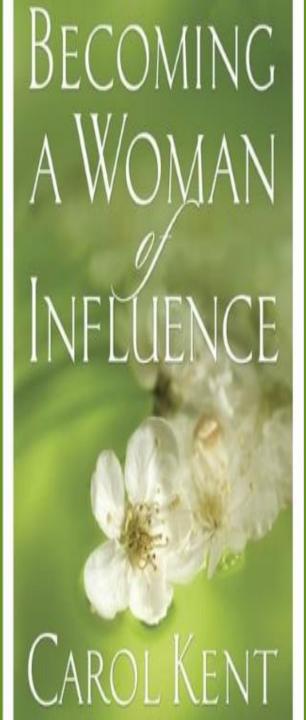
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"The thing that made praying an hour a day work for me is that I write out my prayers.
This is relational and tangible. I'm talking to my best friend, which I have no problem ever doing." - Becky Tirabassi



#2 THE PRINCIPLE OF WALKING AND TALKING

Jesus spent three years walking and talking with His disciples. He made every contact count, and some of life's most important lessons were "caught" rather than "taught."

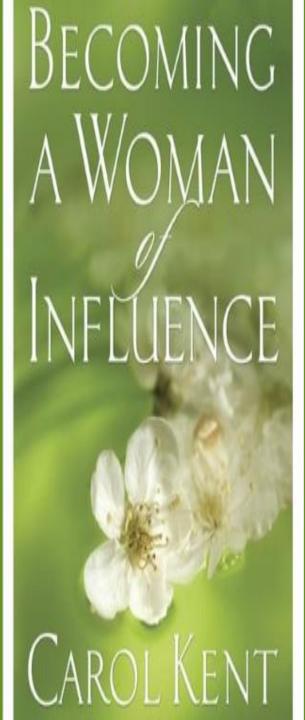


#3 THE PRINCIPLE OF STORYTELLING

"Jesus taught by using stories, many stories."

Mark 4:2

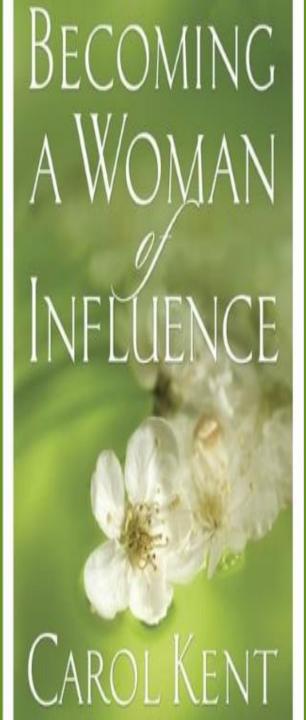
Jesus was a master story teller. He often used a common object to illustrate a spiritual application.



#3 THE PRINCIPLE OF STORYTELLING

"Few things touch us as deeply as a good story. God knows this about us....

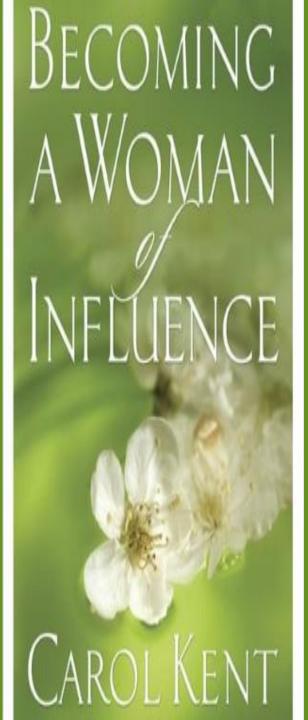
God knows that He can get through to us when we see, hear, and experience His story." -- Max McLean



#4 THE PRINCIPLE OF ASKING QUESTIONS

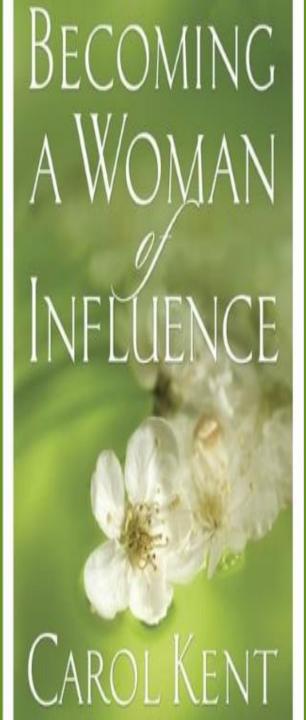
"For a man who had all the answers, Jesus asked a lot of questions."

-- Candy Davison



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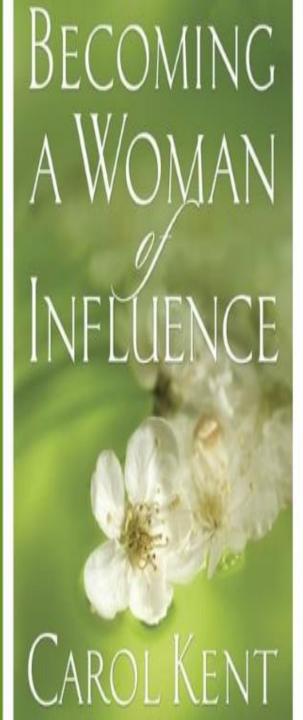
Everywhere He went Jesus used questions to make his point, reinforce His teaching, and reveal what was in people's hearts.



TWO IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

 What makes you weep and pound the table?

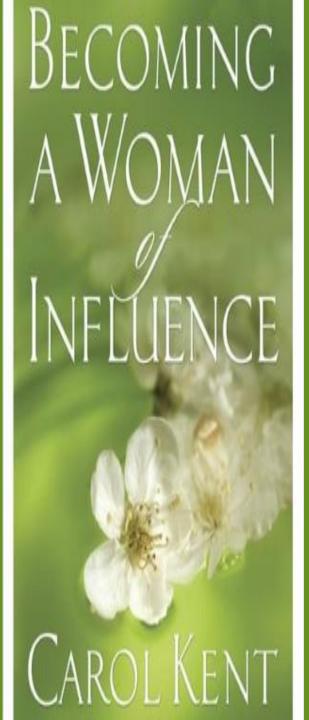
What is enough?



TWO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

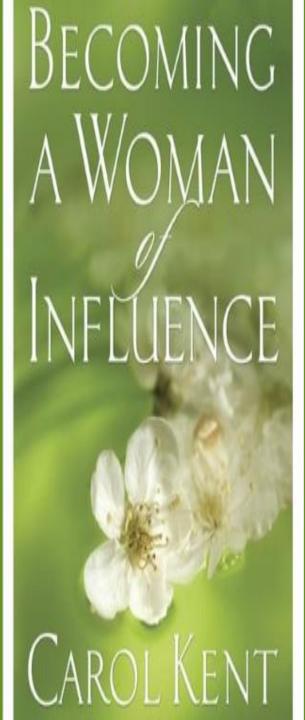
 What does the Bible say about this?

How can I pray for you?



#5 THE PRINCIPLE OF COMPASSION

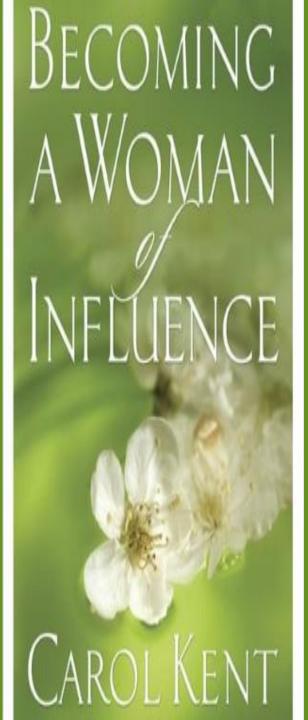
Compassion is the heart's response to a person's need combined with a helping hand that offers mercy and grace. Jesus recognized the pain and the need in people.



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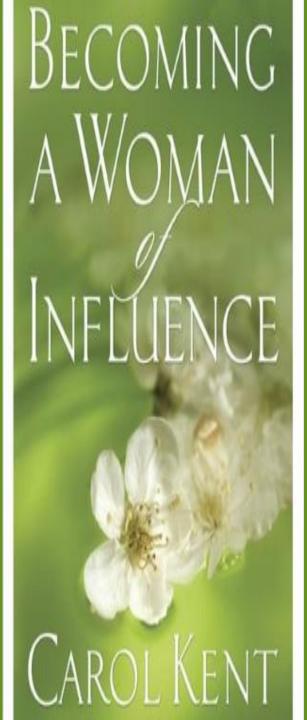
"What did you do today that only a Christian would have done?"

-- Corrie ten Boom



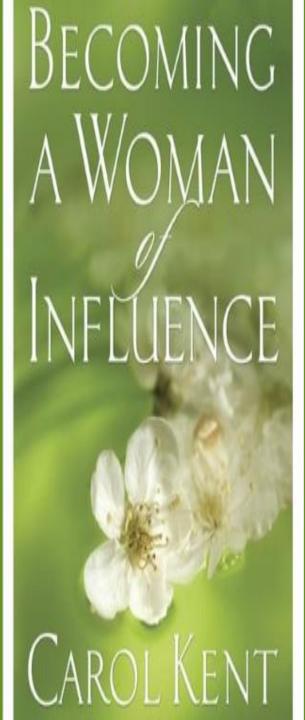
#6 THE PRINCIPLE OF CASTING VISION

When we verbalize the giftedness we see in others by naming the potential they have, it helps individuals to envision their personal worth to God, to others, and to themselves.



#7 THE PRINCIPLE OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

Jesus loves everyone completely and undeservedly. He didn't love people because they deserved it or because of how they treated Him.

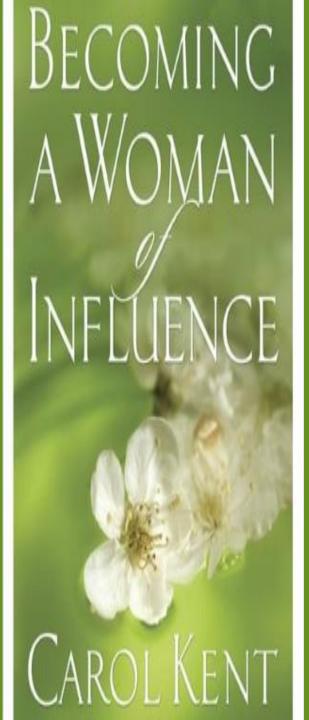


#7 THE PRINCIPLE OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

- Love never gives up.
- Love cares more for others than for self...
- Love doesn't keep score of the sins of others...
- Love...never looks back, but keeps going to the end.

Selected passages from I Cor.13

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You can impact others like Jesus did!

