

## **“There’s A New Kid In Town”**

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*"Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction..." (1 Tim 1:18)*

"Is there anything I can do to help?" my third-grade daughter asks me, although not as much as she used to. My usual response is, "No, I can take care of it myself," which really means, I don't want to take the extra time to show her how to do something, or to do it over in case she messes up. Are we really any different with those who are just getting started where we work?

So often we just blow through our day not paying much, if any, attention to those who are at the beginning of their career or are new to our organizations. Our influence is one powerful way we can be about the Lord's business in the workplace. Reflect back to how you felt when you were starting out and how much it meant when one of the veterans of the business took the time to show you how to do that task or just to encourage you in a tough season. The Lord has provided you with a wealth of experience and wants you to invest back in those who can benefit from what you have learned along the way. You will never regret the time you give using your influence to encourage and build up the next generation.

Pray that the Lord will open your eyes to those around you and place someone on your heart to proactively pursue. Perhaps inviting them to the May Eight-to-Five Unplugged is one great way to spend some time with an up-and-comer. Develop that relationship over time and you will find that the blessings of sharing your influence are beyond belief.  
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Lord, help us to be mindful of those in our sphere of influence. If we will give of ourselves unselfishly, Your purposes will be achieved and the glory will all be Yours. Put the name of someone on our hearts today and give us the opportunity to reach out and allow our influence to help them on their journey. Amen.

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