

## Influence without Words

The cash register drawer closed with a click as Michael picked up his lunch tray and walked through the cafeteria. His usual seat was open as the daily lunch routine began to unfold in the noisy cafeteria.

Over the last four months, Michael's attention has been focused on an older gentleman who routinely arrives a few minutes after him. Michael became intrigued when he noticed this older man regularly offer his seat when the room was full and diffuse heated arguments by calmly entering the debates.

Michael's fascination continued to grow as he watched the man bow his head to pray over each meal while the entire table of co-workers waited quietly until he raised his head.

Michael admired his graciousness, compassion, charisma and confidence. He desperately wanted to know what fueled this man. Michael also wanted to leave a



lasting, positive impression on others just like the older man. His talk became less critical of others and more gracious and tolerant of those who challenged him.

The lessons Michael learned from simply observing a godly man made a difference. He could only imagine how much more could be learned if he could spend time with this older gentleman.

When we receive Christ as our King, it's rarely what we say that defines our allegiance. Our Christian faith is best demonstrated by what we do and the consistency of our actions and words. Leave a positive mark today as you go about your responsibilities in Life Care and Century Park.

Demonstrate integrity in your good works. Be sound and self-controlled. We can influence others deeply about our mission to love and to serve – and about our commitment to our Lord – simply through our actions.

*In the same way, encourage the young men to be self-controlled in everything. Make yourself an example of good works with integrity and dignity in your teaching (Titus 2:6-7).*

– Beecher Hunter