

Influence

How can we influence our church and our culture?

Giving

Acts 11.27-30

Influence requires resources

A Need Required A Response

27 Now at this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 One of them named Agabus stood up and *began* to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the *reign* of Claudius.

29 And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send *a contribution* for the relief of the brethren living in Judea.

30 And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders.

Based on ability and resources

Need based and voluntary

Generous act of serving

No manipulation, coercion, or pressure

We Still Respond To Needs

I never ask of you what I am not willing to do myself.

Influence is a vision strategy to guide the church and staff for the next four years.

Some of you can only give time or talent or prayers.

Influence by sharing and investing in the lives of others

Recognize the need
Respond if you are able
Do it as an act of service

Pray, Decide, Trust, and don't worry. Do what the Lord wants you to do.
Whatever it is.