

Text: 2 Samuel 3:2-39  
Topic: Power, Influence.  
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# Power Plays

## *Some Losing Strategies for People of Influence*

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1. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.2-5; 12-16)

2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.6-11)

3. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.6-10; 17-21)

4. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.22-27)

**Epilogue** (vv.28-39)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you apply the principles to your life situation. These questions are also used as the basis of discussion for many of our small group studies that meet throughout the week. For times and locations of PCC's small group gatherings that are meeting this week call the church office (949-489-2600).

1. Why do people want to be powerful and influential?
2. In what areas of your life has God entrusted you with influence and authority?
3. In what ways have you seen people use people and relationships to gain power, authority, and influence?

In what situations have you been guilty of this?

How does God's high calling of "loving others as ourselves" safeguard against this temptation?

4. Read Daniel 4:28-37. How does this episode from Nebuchadnezzar's life teach you to be neither proud *nor paranoid* about the current level of leadership and the influence God has entrusted to you.
5. In what ways can people be unethical, compromising, and opportunistic in their thirst for power and influence?

Identify times in your own life when you acted this way.

6. How do you tend to respond when your authority is questioned or threatened?

In what practical ways can you emulate Moses' response (Numbers 12) in the situations in which your authority is threatened?