

INFLUENCE WITH RESPECT

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Whenever we interact with other people, we influence them—and they influence us. Within this sphere, neutrality is an impossibility. Instead, we must learn to think in terms of good and bad ways of influencing, and here the keyword is respect. The need for respectful influence is no less critical when dealing with religious influence, especially in the relationship between children and adults.

In this book, longtime director of the Christian Institute of Education in Denmark, Carsten Hjorth Pedersen, provides valuable guidance for parents, educators, teachers, club leaders, and preachers who influence others in work or leisure.

In a language accessible to all readers, the author shows the way to a healthy balance—a balance that relies on the will to confront, but without letting down the other person, neither through intimacy nor desertion.

“I am so happy that this book has been translated into English. I believe that it speaks to all educators in secularized Western society. Pedersen offers an easy-to-understand model for navigating the dilemma between being too aggressive and being too cautious in talking about our worldview and beliefs.”

—**MATT KÄGI**, former Chairperson, EurECA (European Educators Christian Association)

“Carsten Pedersen’s latest book will be welcomed by every Christian who is seeking to be a responsible influencer for Christ. It combines deep insight with practical guidance. A great addition to the literature on Christian education.”

—**TREVOR COOLING**, Professor of Christian Education, Canterbury Christ Church University, United Kingdom

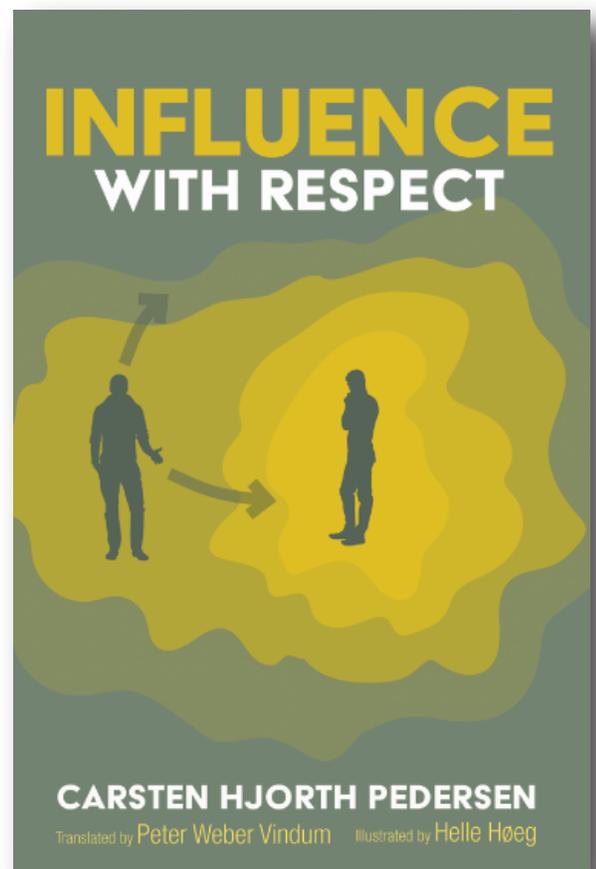
“Passing on what you love to people you love is more difficult than you’d think. When it comes to matters of faith, many are the stories of good intentions gone wrong. This book is such a healthy, thought-provoking read to anyone who has ever been a parent or a child, and anyone who has a desire to honor Jesus’ command: that no one should stand in the way of children coming to him.”

—**THOMAS PROVIN**, Project Manager, Areopagos Foundation

“*Influence with Respect* is both an eye-opener and a tool for developing a respectful approach towards the people we influence. Many schools all over Scandinavia have found the model the author presents very useful in our discussions about how we influence our students, and it is gratifying that this important book is now available in English.”

—**SVEN MAGNUSSON**, Educational Consultant, Swedish Christian School Council

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