

## Community-Developed

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## Becoming Infectious A Devotional During a Pandemic

What?? Who wants to become infectious? That word these days makes you run for the hills – or at least to your homes! There is such fear and loathing around “infectious”, along with other words that mean the same thing...contagious, transmissible, communicable, spreadable or pandemic. When it comes to Covid-19, we should follow the guidelines of those in public health and government by practicing proper hand washing, cough/sneezing etiquette, physical distancing, and isolation when appropriate to prevent the spread of this virus. As I have said previously, we don't need to be afraid because we are God's, but we do need to be prudent.

I would like to suggest that we take a moment to look at some positive aspects of becoming infectious...an infectious laugh, an irresistible smile, a contagious sense of humour, spreading kindness, communicable thoughtfulness, compelling understanding all spreading warmth, light and love to meet the needs of those around us in an appropriate, meaningful way.

Ray Stedman in his book *The Queen and I: Studies in Esther* says the following about becoming infectious as a Christian:

“When because of your faith, your life too, becomes perceptibly different; when your reactions are quite opposite to what the situation seems to call for and your activities can no longer be explained in terms of your personality; that is when your neighbourhood will sit up and take notice. In the eyes of the world, it is not our relationship with Jesus Christ that counts; it is our resemblance to Him! In the midst of circumstances that look like certain defeat, there is no more powerful testimony than the joy produced by faith.”

Go in the joy and resemblance of Jesus to spread our neighbourhoods with His love and peace ... creating a “Jesus pandemic”?!

This song will reinforce your confidence in God and incubate infectiousness. It's 6 minutes long but well worth the listen.

<https://youtu.be/D-KgQllvP3Q>