

LIVE YOUR EULOGY EVERYDAY

with Greg Countryman

FOCUS VERSES

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

DISCUSSION

- 1. Discuss the statement that made such a profound impact on Greg's spiritual development as a teenager—"It's the things that you do that you don't have to do that make the difference." (See 2 Peter 3:18.)
 - a. Did you ever hear advice like that from a parent or authority figure when you were young?
 - b. What are the situations in which you're always willing to go the extra mile for someone?
 - c. What are some situations in which you haven't done that, and what was holding you back from doing more?
- 2. There's another statement that Greg says he tries to live his life by: "I try to live my eulogy every single day." (See Proverbs 22:1.)
 - a. What do you want people to say about you when you've passed on?
 - b. Do you think you've lived up to those statements, and if not, what are some things you could change in your life to close that gap?
- 3. Greg portrays his responsibilities as a law enforcement official as a kind of "customer service." What kind of "customer service" do you provide—at home, at work, in social situations? (See Luke 6:38.)



4.	Greg says that some of the leadership mistakes he made early in his career were the result of not being more willing to compromise, or not taking the time to sit down and talk through issues face to face. (See Philippians 2:3.) a. Have you ever made those same mistakes as a husband, father, employee, or friend?
	b. What were the circumstances, and what would you like to have done differently?
5.	One of the biggest keys to being an effective leader, Greg says, is consistency—of message and of demeanor. (See Galatians 6:9.) a. Do you think you're pretty consistent in those areas?
	b. When you've veered away from that path, has it caused any friction with the people in your life?
6.	What are the areas in your life in which you find it hardest to give up control to God? (See Galatians 2:20.)
	a. What do you worry will happen if you give up that control?
	b. What are the good things that might result from doing that?
7•	Discuss Greg's advice that "as you grow big, your voice should grow small." a. How did you interpret that statement?
	b. As you've grown older and increased in status and influence, has your voice grown "smaller"?
	c. In your own personal leadership style, do you find yourself leading more with words, or with actions?
	d. How effective have each of those methods been?