Four Characteristics Usually Found in Those Who Impact Our Lives

Charles R. Swindoll, *Growing Strong in the Seasons of Life*, p. 205

1. **Consistency.** These folk are not restless flashes in the pan—here today, gone tomorrow. Neither are they given to fads and gimmicks. Those who impact lives stay at the task with reliable regularity. They seem unaffected by the fickle winds of change. They’re *consistent*.

2. **Authenticity.** Probe all you wish, try all you like to find hypocritical flaws, and you search in vain. People who impact others are real to the core; no alloy covered over with a brittle layer of chrome, but solid, genuine stuff right down to the nubbies. They’re * authentic*.

3. **Unselfishness.** Mustn’t forget this one! Hands down it’s there every time. Those who impact us the most watch out for themselves the least. They notice our needs and reach out to help, honestly concerned about our welfare. Their least-used words are “I,” “me,” “my,” and “mine.” They’re *unselfish*.

4. **Tirelessness.** With relentless determination they spend themselves. They refuse to quit. Possessing an enormous amount of enthusiasm for their labor, they press on regardless of the odds...virtually unconcerned with the obstacles. Actually, they are like pioneers—resilient and rugged. They’re *tireless*.