

Making A Difference

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Personal Reflection

Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:

Most of us, most of the time, are focused on our own desires & needs. Even when we aren't behaving in a "the world revolves around us" manner, we mostly operate as if it does. The default position of all human hearts is self-centered & self-serving self-worship. In this state, we can do little to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Even though our perception is limited to one vantage point, it is possible, with God's help, to see the big picture of a hurting & desperate world. He wants us to follow the example set by Christ — giving of ourselves so that men, women, boys & girls would know of His unyielding love. We have a calling that extends well-beyond the meager pursuit of self-gratification. Every new day brings a chance to make a difference.

How have you made a difference in someones else's life lately? Has your impact gone beyond the bounds of common courtesy & kindness? Have you been instrumental in another human being's realization that God created them, wants them, has died to save them and is inviting them into a life-changing relationship with Him? Do you realize the amazing power & privilege God extends to you when you endeavor to be an ambassador of His love through the Gospel?

Prayerfully consider your impact on the lives of those around you. If in some cases you are doing well to show the love of Christ & proclaim the truth of His Word, then rejoice in God's goodness. If you are falling short in some areas, ask God to strengthen your resolve & liberate you from apathy. Give thanks to God that you have been a recipient of blessings received from those who made a difference in your life. Commit to do whatever God enables & calls you to do in order that you may do the same for others.

I. Life-Changing Moments

II. Making A Difference From Prison

Philemon

v. 1-7

Greetings & Praise

v. 8-22

Paul's Plea

v. 23-25

Farewell

III. Changing Lives
