

U Make a Difference!

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Many times we don't think that what we do or what we say is important. The truth is, they are very important! Every day we affect other people by what we do or don't do, and by what we say or don't say. They in turn affect other people who affect other people who affect other people. It's called the ripple affect.

If I honk at you and upset your day, you are more likely to honk at someone else. Likewise, if I smile at you and wish you a good day, you are more likely to smile at someone else. You never know how much of a difference you might make, or how far that difference might carry.

A 19th century Sunday school teacher led a Boston shoe clerk to Christ. The teachers' name you probably don't know: Kimball. The name of the shoe clerk who was converted you probably have: Dwight Moody. Moody became an evangelist and had a major impact on a young preacher by the name of Frederick Meyer. Meyer began to preach on college campuses, and led J. Wilbur Chapman to the Lord. Chapman became involved with the Y.M.C.A. and arranged for a former baseball player, Billy Sunday to come lead a revival. The community leaders were so excited that they scheduled another revival and brought Mordecai Hamm to town to preach. In that revival, a young man named Billy Graham gave his life to Christ. Think of how many people Billy Graham has touched -- and it escalates from there!

What you do, what you say, how you live, and even your very presence does make a difference in your life, in the lives of your family, and in the lives of those around you.

It also makes a major difference in your worship community. Did you ever stop to think that "C H _ _ C H" does not spell "church" unless U R in it? God's ministry in the church needs you. The difference between an active church family and an inactive one is you. The difference between a church which warmly welcomes all visitors and a church which seems indifferent is you. The difference between a church whose ministry is Christian outreach to all in need and a church that is self-serving to its own needs is you.

You are wanted. You are needed. You do make a difference.

Think about what good difference you might make today, and put feet to the thought. Remember that even little things when given to a big God accomplish much and make a great difference.

Prayer is a practice that blesses. Worship is a habit that refreshes. Love is a gift that expresses.