

Impact of Our Lives

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I. Introduction.

A. God's objective is that people would be saved, which is the same as Jesus and ours. (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9; Luke 19:10; John 20:21; 17:18)

1. People want to know about Jesus more than we want to tell him.
2. God's will for every born again believer is to come into maturity. God uses mature men to witness to Jesus. (Romans 8:29; Ephesians 4:13; John 12:32)
3. God has taken initiative for us to restore fellowship with him. (Hosea 6:6; Exodus 34:16)
4. The more we spend time with Jesus in the Word, the more we become like him. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

B. We need to give God our "if-onlys" and our "what ifs."

1. God is able.
2. The grace of God is sufficient at the point of need. (Hebrews 11:6)

C. Our critical path of growth is important because it represents our life and our life represents Jesus. Our lives are important. (1 Peter 1:15-16)

II. The life that attracts, recruits, impacts and trains. (2 Timothy 2:19-20)

A. A dirty life reflects against God.

B. He uses clean vessels.

C. The Word of God and the human personality are the only things that will last forever. We should invest in these to make an eternal impact.

D. Paul was open about his example. (Philippians 4:9; 1 Corinthians 11:1)

E. To maintain our relationship with Christ...

1. We must consistently feed on God's Word. (1 Peter 2:2-3)
2. We need to maintain fellowship with God and other believers. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10; Malachi 3:16)
3. We need to see things from God's point of view. (Psalm 142:4; Colossians 1:9-10)
4. We need a God-given vision for our own lives.

5. We need our vision to be small enough to see the importance of where we are at right now and vision that is large enough to see the world. Laborers know the objective, are trained and are committed. (Matthew 28)

6. We need to look forward to Jesus' return. (Ephesians 2:9-10)

F. We are in the midst of a second reformation—layman will be the cutting edge of the ministry.

III. Conclusion.

Application questions:

1. What is our objective?

2. What are some ways you have experienced the life that attracts, recruits, impacts and trains?

3. What is your plan for maintaining your relationship with Christ?
