



Wednesday, May 5th, 2021

Teaching Series: "I Will"

TWCC Teaching Connection Outline: "I Will Make a Difference"

Read 1 Timothy 1:3 - 7 (NLT)

- Are you a _____ maker? The Books of 1st and 2nd Timothy give us some clues to: **(1st)** _____ a 'Difference Maker' in our lives as Born-again _____.
- **(2nd)** Secondly, making distinct and difference-making contributions of our time, talent, treasure, and testimony that make an eternal impact, investments, and difference to our _____.
- **(3rd)** Thirdly, as faithful and fruitful 'Difference-Maker' in through our Local Church we help our Church make a bigger, better, bolder, and broader _____ in the _____ and World around the Church.
- These few verses show us the 3 Models of Difference Making Christians:
 - **(#1)** - _____: (Vs 3) Stay or remain in Ephesus. This was a difficult situation and that challenged and stretched Timothy. Many Christians seem allergic to anything that stretches them or make them uncomfortable.
 - Worship styles and preferences, Service times at our convenience, sanctuary temperatures for our comfort - nothing is inherently wrong with such things, but we need to remember that such _____ have nothing to do with the Gospel or advancing God's Kingdom.
 - **(#2)** - _____: (Vs 4 - 5) Christians have a priceless heritage of spiritual _____ because those who came before them modeled _____ to the Scriptures. Believers who wish to be 'Difference Makers' must _____ this heritage, as Paul charged Timothy to do.
 - **(#3)** - _____: (Vs 5) The purpose of the commandment is _____ from a pure heart.

DIFFERENCE MAKING 101:

Read 1 Timothy 2:1 - 4 (NLT) and Read Luke 14:25 - 35 (NKJV)

- Difference Making means making a difference of in the Church, the Community, and the Country by assuming the _____ of _____ and _____ Christ fully and faithfully as His Disciple!
- To be _____ means being relationally _____ and indifferent to the conditions, chaos, cares, and crises of others around us.
- Not fully or _____ following Jesus makes us _____ like unsalted salt; you won't *preserve* or demonstrate _____ as a Christian!
- **1 Samuel 12:23 (NKJV)** - "Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way."
- _____ prayerless and neglecting to _____ and _____ for others will not make a difference.
- _____ is proof that you trust God, and your trust His Process and His Plans. (**Ref Proverbs 3:5 - 8**).
- Not praying and interceding for the Lost is simply telling them that "I don't care", "you can just go to Hell."

Read 1 Timothy 4:1 - 11 (NKJV)

- A 'Difference Maker' doesn't: **(1)** _____ from the Faith; **(2)** _____ from the 'Compass of Truth' (Sovereignty of God; the Lordship of Christ; Necessity of Repentance; Certainty, availability, and

reality of Grace; Preeminence of Love; Authority of Scripture); or (3) _____ to be a Good Servant of Christ.

Read 1 Timothy 5:1 - 2 (NLT)

- A 'Difference Makers' _____ and _____ the people in the Church. A 'Difference Maker' _____ the people in the Church as Members of God's Family.
- A 'Difference Maker' _____ that Christian relationships are characterized by these qualities: (1) **RESPECT**; (2) **RESTRAINT**; (3) **RESPONSIBILITY**; and (4) **REPENTANCE**.

Read 2 Timothy 2:1 - 3 (NLT)

- The *Three P's of Difference Making Ministry* are reveal in both of these Books of Timothy. (1st) - _____; (2nd) - _____; and (3rd) - _____.
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- No matter what the purpose is, if you don't realize on the front end that there is a _____ to fulfilling it, you won't make it to being a 'Difference Maker'.

THE PRICE IS WORTH THE COST TO BE A 'DIFFERENCE MAKER'!

- Three People who encountered "Compassion Fatigue" (When you stop caring about people, slacking in your commitment to Christ and other Christians, and when you struggle showing compassion to others.)
- **ELIJAH** - (1 Kings 19:4 (NKJV) - "But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!") - He had had _____. He was *discouraged* and *delusional*!
- **ASAPH** - (Psalm 77:3 (NKJV) - "I remembered God, and was troubled; I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah") - He was _____. His complaining shorted/stopped his heart from caring.
- **PAUL** - (Acts 20:23 - 24 (NKJV) - "...bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me.") - _____ tried to get in the way of motivation to be a 'Difference Maker' - but it didn't.

KEEP STRIKING THE GROUND!

Read 2 Kings 13:14 - 17 (NKJV)

- We all have to deal with _____. Adversity comes to *deter* us and *detour* us from _____ a 'Difference Maker'. The three main things that accompany Adversity is: (1) _____, (2) **DISCOURAGEMENT**, and (3) _____. *When adversity comes we must 'Keep Striking the Ground'!*
 - This account of King Joash and Elisha show us three truths with encountering **ADVERSITY**: (1st) **ADMIT** and _____ that you have a problem - don't hide it, don't cover the sin - you won't prosper, be transparent, be honest with God, yourself and your leaders and true faith friends. (2nd) Put _____ to your faith - follow Divine Instruction - act your faith and (3rd) _____ the problem!
 - The **first test** is not denying but dealing with the _____, the _____, or the _____ that keeps you from _____ and **EXPERIENCING** Jesus and His 'Difference Making' Presence and power!
 - The **second test** is the _____ and _____ Test! King Joash passed this test.
 - The **third test** is the test of _____ and _____. Joash failed this test.
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