

THE CHURCH THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

1 Timothy 4:6 *If you explain these things to the brothers and sisters, Timothy, you will be a worthy servant of Christ Jesus, one who is nourished by the message of faith and the good teaching you have followed. 7 Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly.*

12 *Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.*

Acts of the Apostles 2 - The Believers Form a Community

Acts 2:42 *All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. 43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.*

44 *And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.*

REVIEW: HOPE FILLED FUTURE

FUTURE- ANYTIME PERIOD BEYOND THE MOMENT WE ARE IN
HOPE - THE BELIEF THAT THERE IS MORE AHEAD
"MY FUTURE IS FULL OF THE BELIEF THAT THERE IS MORE AHEAD"

FOUR REASONS WE NEED A HOPE FILLED FUTURE

- 1. HOPE PRODUCES A LONGING (Romans 8:23,24)**
 - 2. HOPE IS BEYOND THIS LIFE (1 Thessalonians 4:13)**
 - 3. HOPE CAN GET YOU IN TROUBLE (Acts of the Apostles 26:6)**
 - 4. HOPE WILL NEVER LET YOU BE ASHAMED (Romans 5:3)**
- 5** *And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill*

our hearts with his love.⁶ When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.

WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY:

1. THE WAY WE TALK

Matthew 15:10 Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. “Listen,” he said, “and try to understand.¹¹ It’s not what goes into your mouth that defiles you; you are defiled by the words that come out of your mouth.”

**WORDS OF TRUTH
WORDS OF KINDNESS
WORDS THAT HEAL**

Colossians 4:5 Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

2. THE WAY WE LIVE

Matthew 5:14 “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

LIVE SIMPLE

LIVE DRAMA FREE

LIVE HOLY

3. THE WAY WE LOVE

John 13:34 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

LOVE WITHOUT PREJUDICE

“JESUS FED ALL THE FIVE THOUSAND NOT JUST THE ONES WHO LOVED HIM”

LOVE WITHOUT RESENTMENT

LOVE WITHOUT LIMITS

4. THE WAY WE BELIEVE

Matthew 17:20 “You don’t have enough faith,” Jesus told them. “I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.”

FAITH THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS

FAITH THAT NEVER GIVES UP

FAITH THAT SEES THE BEST

5. THE “WHY” WE LIVE (MOTIVES)

Matthew 25:23 “The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

WHY - TO PLEASE HIM

WHY - TO FULILL PURPOSE

WHY- TO INFLUENCE OTHERS

LIFE APPLICATION

- 1. Which of the five areas are you making a difference?**
- 2. Which area is your weakest area and why?**
- 3. What can you do to improve your weak area?**

LAST WEEK’S LIFE APPLICATIONS QUESTIONS:

- 1. DREAM OUT LOUD ABOUT YOUR HOPE FILLED FUTURE
- NO SIN, NO FAILURE OF OTHERS, NO TIMING**
- 2. WHAT CHANGES WILL YOU NEED TO MAKE IN ORDER TO SEE
YUR GOD GIVEN DREAM COME TO PASS?**
- 3. OUTLINE YOUR HOPE FILLED FUTURE AND PROVIDE
SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES**

