

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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“But the one who plants in response to God, letting God’s Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life. So let’s not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don’t give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.
(Galatians 6:8-10, Message)

1. I will focus on being a passionate follower of Christ.

“Anyone who comes and listens to me and obeys me is like someone who dug down deep and built a house on solid rock. When the flood came and the river rushed against the house, it was built so well that it didn’t even shake. But anyone who hears what I say and doesn’t obey me is like someone whose house wasn’t built on solid rock. As soon as the river rushed against that house, it was smashed to pieces!”
(Luke 6:47-49, CEV)

2. I will use my abilities for God.

“But his answer was: “My grace is all you need, for my power is greatest when you are weak.” I am most happy, then, to be proud of my weaknesses, in order to feel the protection of Christ’s power over me.” (2 Corinthians 12:9, GNT)

a. I can pray.

“Run from temptations that capture young people. Always do the right thing. Be faithful, loving, and easy to get along with. Worship with people whose hearts are pure.” (2 Timothy 2:22, CEV)

b. I can give.

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: (1 Peter 4:10, ESV)

c. I can catch them doing something good.

“Anxiety in a man’s heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.”
(Proverbs 12:25, ESV)

3. I will choose to put relationships first.

“Wise friends make you wise, but you hurt yourself by going around with fools.
(Proverbs 13:20, CEV)

a. Be Revealing.

b. Be Accepting.

“Honor God by accepting each other, as Christ has accepted you.”
(Romans 15:7, CEV)

4. I will encourage them in their faith.

a. I can encourage fellowship.

“We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God’s Good News but our own lives, too.” (1 Thessalonians 2:8, NLT)

b. I can encourage evangelism.

“I’m not ashamed of the Good News. It is God’s power to save everyone who believes, Jews first and Greeks as well.” (Romans 1:16, GW)

c. I can encourage ministry.

“There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. ⁶ There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service.” (1 Corinthians 12:5-6, GNT)