

# Becoming a difference maker?

Romans 15:14-21

## **Introduction:**

Matthew 28: 19 *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you;*

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## **#1- \_\_\_\_\_ People 14**

14 *And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able also to admonish one another.*

Col. 4:6 *Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond*

Eph 4:29 *Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear.*

Luke 4:22 *And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips...*

### **1-full of goodness**

Gal. 5:22 *the fruit of the Spirit is ... goodness*

Titus 1:16 *They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient, and worthless for any good deed.*

Titus 3:14 *And let our people also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, that they may not be unfruitful.*

### **2-filled with knowledge**

### **3-to admonish one another**

Acts 20:31 *be on the alert, remembering that ...I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.*

1 Thess. 5:14 *we urge you, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all men.*

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## **#2-Shows \_\_\_\_\_ in calling Christians to live the Word of God 15a**

15 *But I have written very boldly to you on some points, so as to remind you again*

2 Timothy 1:7 *For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.*

### **• How can I boost my boldness**

#### **1st- \_\_\_\_\_ your walk with Christ**

Proverbs 28:1 *The wicked flee when no one is pursuing. But the righteous are bold as a lion.*

Daniel 11:32 *...the people who know their God will display strength and take action.*

#### **2nd-Re-examine your definition of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

Luke 17:3 *If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.*

Gal. 6:1 *Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness;*

1 Cor. 5:11 *I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler-- not even to eat with such a one. 12 ...Do you not judge those who are within the church?*

#### **3rd-Rely upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of God moment by moment**

Acts 4:31 *they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness*

#### **4th- \_\_\_\_\_ on the Word of God and the Gospel**

Acts 13:46 *And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first;*

1 Thess. 2:2 *but after we had already suffered ...we had the boldness in our God to speak to you the gospel of God amid much opposition.*

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### #3-Continually shares the gospel with \_\_\_\_\_ people in order to \_\_\_\_\_ God <sup>15b-16</sup>

*15b because of the grace that was given me from God, 16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, that my offering of the Gentiles might become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.*

• **How can we begin to share the gospel?**

**1st - Change your \_\_\_\_\_ toward those w/o Jesus**

**2nd - Understand why God is here**

**3rd - Count the \_\_\_\_\_ of reaching the lost**

**4th - Take the basic \_\_\_\_\_ needed to share the gospel**

#1-Pray

#2-Build relationships

#3-Sacrifice/love

#4-Clearly share the gospel

**How ?**

- Write out a one page testimony
- Compare religion to a relationship
- Talk about the difference between real and phony

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### #4-Gives all \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus <sup>17-18</sup>

*17 Therefore in Christ Jesus I have found reason for boasting in things pertaining to God. 18 For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed,*

1 Corinthians 1:31 *Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.*

Acts 13:48 *and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed*

• **When God does the work...**

**1st - it results in \_\_\_\_\_**

**v18 resulting in the *obedience* of the Gentiles**

**Romans 1:5** *...to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, for His name's sake,*

**Romans 16:26** *... the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith;*

**John 3:36** *He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.*

**2nd - it results in \_\_\_\_\_**

**v18 resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles *by word and deed***

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## #5-Lives by the divine \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit

19 *in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit*

**Acts 5:12** *And at the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people*

**2 Cor. 12:12** *The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.*

**Heb. 2:3** *After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, 4 God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles*

### • **How do I get God's power?**

**1st - God's power comes by daily \_\_\_\_\_**

2 Cor. 12:9 *And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

**2nd - God's power comes by a living in \_\_\_\_\_**

1 Thess. 1:5 *for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.*

**3rd - God's power is shown through the \_\_\_\_\_**

2 Tim. 1:8 *do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, ...but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God*

**4th - God's power is given to those who do His \_\_\_\_\_**

Acts 1:8 *but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.*

### • **God's power is meant for God's priorities**

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## #6-Makes sure everyone in their \_\_\_\_\_ of influence understands the \_\_\_\_\_

19b *so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.*

### • **At what level are you filling full your sphere?**

### • **Ask the direct question ...**

Who in your opinion, was Jesus Christ?

Where are you heading on your spiritual journey?

Do you ever wonder what happens to us when we die?

Tell me, what is your spiritual background?

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#7-Desires greater opportunities to be used of God to share the good news

*20 And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, that I might not build upon another man's foundation; 21 but as it is written, They who had no news of Him shall see, And they who have not heard shall understand.*

**Conclusion:**

**1-A difference maker will have a \_\_\_\_\_ focus**

**2-A difference maker lives for eternal \_\_\_\_\_**

**3-A difference maker chooses to live by \_\_\_\_\_**

**4-A difference maker understands that it's \_\_\_\_\_ alone who makes a difference.**

Next week read Romans 15:14-33/Ask your family, what is effective ministry?