

What a Character!

Week One- Influencing a Secular Culture

Four Principles to being a positive influence:

1. If you want to make a difference with your life, _____
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“The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.” – Genesis 6:5

“But Noah found favor in God’s eyes.” – Genesis 6:8

“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world. But be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you’ll learn how God’s ways really satisfy.” – Romans 12:2 (LT)

Conformity is often the enemy of Christianity.

Conformity says I’m going to be like everybody else whether it’s right or wrong.

2. If you want to make a difference with your life, _____
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“Noah was the only truly righteous man living on the earth at that time. He tried to always conduct his affairs according to God’s will.” – Genesis 6:9 (LB)

What does it mean to have an eternal perspective?

Having an eternal perspective means realizing that there’s more to life than just here and now.

An eternal perspective realizes that there are consequences to every action you take that have long term implications.

“For this world is not our home. We are looking forward to our everlasting home in heaven.” – Hebrews 13:14

An eternal perspective realizes the greatest things in life aren't things.

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” – 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV)

3. If you want to make a difference with your life, _____

“Noah did everything that God commanded him.” – Genesis 6:22 (NIV)

“For God is at work within you helping you want to obey Him and then helping you to do what He wants.” – Philippians 2:13 (LB)

“This is why we always pray for you, asking our God to help you live the kind of life He's called you to live. We pray God's power will help you do the things you want to do.” – 2 Thessalonians 1:11 (LB)

4. If you want to make a difference with your life, _____

“Noah trusted God. When he heard God's warning about the future Noah believed him even though there was no sign of a flood. But wasting no time he built the ark and saved his family. Noah's belief in God was in direct contrast to the disbelief of the rest of the world. Because of his faith he became one of those whom God has accepted.” – Hebrews 11:7 (LB)

“Let us not get tired of doing what is right for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up.” – Galatians 6:9 (LB)

“You are the salt of the earth.” – Matthew 5:13
