Make an Impact!

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2 Tim 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration Micah 6:8 do justly; love mercy; walk humbly Acts 17:30 He commands all people to repent Gal 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked Rev 1:3 Be Blessed if you read, hear, and...

- 1 We will Make an Impact on someone or on many when we follow Micah 6:8 and Matthew 5, 6, 7.
- 2 AV Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Poor in spirit is being humble and dependent on God for every life issue—especially for salvation of soul!
- **3** Our life should be a good influence on others; it should leave a good impression on them; it should encourage them to have the same attitude; and it should inspire them to trust God for the ability to *Make an Impact* on others!
- 4 Jesus told us to read the signs of the times—and if we would do that, *making an impact* by *living God's Truth* would be a priority.
- **5** To be *make a difference* in the lives of others is to first *make a commitment* to live each day by trusting God for the ability to do that.

- **6** Living God's Truth means living it out by *obeying His precepts* on faith and trust—being a witness by having a *Christlike attitude* toward all people all the time.
- **7** A Christlike attitude is noticeable evidence that we appreciate the *Gift* of eternal life.
- **8** Jesus was *not* forced to come here, and He did *not* have to die for any wrong He committed. So, *why* did He come and *why* did He die?
- 9 One word: *Love!* He is God and *God is love* 1 John 4:8; 16. Jesus gave His life *on earth* so we could have eternal life *in Heaven* with Him.
- **10** We just have to believe Him and to prove that we *do* by our words, ways, and attitudes.
- 11 The Truth from the Word is for everyone—no one is left out—it is for all who are willing to believe and willing to follow the easy instructions of the living Word—forgive all; love enemies; trust God always.
- **12** The Bible *instructs* us and will *guide* us safely home. AV **Micah 6:8** "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do **justly**, and to love mercy, and to walk **humbly** with thy God?"
- 13 They are easy instructions to follow—just be *honest* in our dealings with people; just show *mercy* to everyone; and just allow God to remove any pride in our heart so we can "walk humbly" as He did. We should never bring attention to ourselves—ever!
- **14** Every Bible reading should be a *learning* session. God promises to reveal His Truth to us—we just need to *ask* Him.
- **15** His Son *shows* the *way*—we just *follow* His example. Jesus *pays* our sin-debt—we just thank Him by obeying His words. And the Holy Spirit *guides* us every day—we just ask for His help every hour of the day.
- **16** The apostle Paul explained the Gospel to many people but not everyone accepted it. Their hearts were hard and their minds closed.

- 17 "What is he saying?" AV Acts 17:18 "He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection."
- **18** The apostle spoke the most important issue facing everyone today in the public square of the city, but instead of looking into something that would make a huge *Impact* on their life—they made *light* of it.
- **19** But *no one* will make light of the *sacrifice* Jesus made for them, and *no one* will mock His *resurrection* to life without regretting that forever!
- **20** The resurrection of Christ places Christianity apart from every other religion, because AV 1 Corinthians 15:14 "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."
- **21** But Jesus *did* die in our place and for all who *believe* that and will *trust* in that sacrifice for sins He made for them, they have a living hope of living forever with Him in Heaven.
- **22** Some Athenians asked AV Acts 17:19 "May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is? **20** Thou bringest certain strange things to our ears."
- 23 Sin is not *strange* to us—we *know* when we have sinned, and our conscience *tells us* when we break the Commandments.
- **24** No one should be caught by surprise on Judgment Day; and nothing will catch *God* by surprise on that day either—to whom we give account Hebrews 4:13.
- 25 The apostle said AV Acts 17:22-23 "Ye men of Athens—I beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you."
- **26** Everyone has to *know* God because everyone *stands* before Him on Judgment Day. He created

- everything and gave life to everyone—that truth must be the basis of our life of faith.
- The world does not fear God—it thinks human life evolved—but that theory *destroys* faith.
- The God we worship AV Acts 17:26 "Made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth."
- He gives us *life*, and *breath*, and all *things that* is why we glorify Him and praise His goodness continually. We are *one blood* of *one human race*.
- If we seek God, we will find Him, because "He is not far from each one of us" Acts 17:27.
- The apostle John was privileged to see the future—AV Revelation 7:9 "A great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb."
- It is an incredible sight—a huge number of people from every nation and language and culture!
- **33** We are all *created* to worship God—and if we do *not* worship *Him*, we *will* worship something else.
- Every *four years* athletes chase after *medals*—they spend their entire life trying to get one of these coveted prizes.
- But someday these medals will be left to gather dust, and *then what*? God may have overlooked some past choices NIV Acts 17:30 "But now he commands all people everywhere to repent."
- Christianity is not an *accept it or not* option—it is a very *serious* matter, and we will *live* it seriously when we realize the *signs* of the times and we understand the *gravity* of eternity.
- God AV Acts 17:31 "Appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness."
- But there is hope—God has "given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised [Jesus] from the dead."

- The resurrection of Jesus is *paramount*—and supports every tenet of the Christian faith. Jesus *rose* from the dead so we could also *rise* to life—a new life is reborn.
- Everyone who has left this life is either *alive* and well; or alive in Hell.
- **41** AV **Daniel 12:2** "Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall **awake**, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."
- 42 Many mock the Christian faith and the resurrection of Christ, but no one will mock God without reaping serious consequences. AV Galatians 6:7 "Be not deceived; God is not mocked." What you plant you reap.
- The world is a dangerous place today—violence, evil, deception, wickedness, and false religion is everywhere.
- 44 If we do not live God's *Truth* in this culture; if we do not set a right *example* for others; if our life does not *Impact* others to also give *their* life to God, then some *serious repentance and change* in our heart is in order!
- Read the Word; Change your Life!
- **46** Our Bible reading time is to be *valued* more than *time* spent on other *interests*.
- God has *taken the time* to write a Book; We should *take the time* to read it and be able to *escape* the horrors that is coming on a defiant world.
- If God took the time to write it *for us*, should we not take the time to read it *for Him?*
- AV **2 Timothy 3:16** "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."
- **50** The Bible tells the future with 100% accuracy. It is the one Book that answers *Where* we came from; *Why* we are here; and *Where* we are going?

- *Without* the Bible we *cannot succeed*, but *with* it we *cannot fail!*
- AV **2** Timothy 3:14 "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them."
- The Bible will **15** "make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."
- **54** A Bible collecting dust does *no one* any good, but a well-worn Bible with written notes that are read, studied, and followed can save the soul.
- **55** The Word within us *instructs* us; *guides* us; *corrects* us; *encourages* us; and *changes* our attitudes—we are then *promised* eternal life.
- Knowing of the evil that permeates today's world, we should desperately want to **Make an Impact** on someone's life—and we will impact others when we read, believe, and take to heart these inspired words.
- AV Revelation 1:3 "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."
- 58 Time is running out! If we are to *Make an Impact*, we first have to *make a change* in our attitude—asking God to empower us to show everyone that His *love* is in our heart; His *forgiveness* is accepted; and *that forgiveness* is extended to them.
- **59** Let us from this moment, *Impact* those around us with God's *love* and *forgiveness*.



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