

## Kingdom Impact

We only have one life to live and as Christ followers we must decide now to maximize our impact for the Kingdom of God.

Jesus said, "We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work" John 9:4

Last week Pastor Hal Santos asked, "what if Jesus lived in your neighborhood?"

Now take a look at: Heb. 13:7,8 ISV Remember your leaders, those who have spoken God's word to you. Think about the impact of their lives, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday

We are all Leaders! How can we as a church body maximize our impact?

### Romans 12

A Word To A Local Body of Believers

12:1-3 Present yourselves as a living sacrifice! Holy and pleasing to God...

12:4-8 ISV One body but many members with a variety of gifts that collective have an impact

4 For we have many parts in one body, but these parts do not all have the same function. **5** In the same way, even though we are many people, we are one body in Christ and individual parts connected to each other. **6** We have different gifts based on the grace that was given to us. So if your gift is prophecy, use your gift in proportion to your faith. **7** If your gift is serving, devote yourself to serving others. If it is teaching, devote yourself to teaching others. **8** If it is encouraging, devote yourself to encouraging others. If it is sharing, share generously. If it is leading, lead enthusiastically. If it is helping, help cheerfully.

### Romans 12:9-18 ESV

**9** Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. **10** Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. **11** Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. **12** Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. **13** Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. **14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. **16** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. **17** Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. **18** If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

**Focus on verse 17 for a couple of minutes:** Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

## 7 Ways to Maximize Your Impact

### 1) Be Loving

**9** Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. **10** Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

- a) I believe that genuine love is the most accurate indicator of spiritual health in a church body.
- b) God calls us to real and sincere love. Sincere love requires concentration and effort. It means helping others become better people.

### 2) Be Urgent

**11** Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

- a) Spiritual fervor: the word used here has to do with a rolling boil.
- b) Fervor maximizes one's impact.

### 3) Be Constant

**12** Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

- a) Be predictable when dealing with others.

### 4) Be Giving

**13** Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

- a) Show hospitality!
- b) Giving is a gift.

### 5) Be Relational

**14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

- a) Never strike the second blow.

- b) Give other people credit when things go well. Take the blow for the team when things don't.
- c) Learn how to heal hurts when people are wounded.

#### 6) Be Real

**16** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

- a) Let people see your humanity; let them know you fight the same battles they do.
- b) Have self-control ---- Do not show your anger in public... unless on purpose.
- c) "Make all the friends you can on the way up, because you will need them on the way down. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly." - Pastor Barnett.

#### 7) Be Peacemaking

**17** Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. **18** If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

- a) Be quick to apologize.
- b) "Sometimes God doesn't send you in a battle to win it. Sometimes he sends you in to end it."