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Make An IMPACT

Making an impact. The word 'impact' can mean a couple of things. First, it means, "The action of one object coming forcibly into contact with another."

Secondly it can mean, "A marked effect or influence / Having a strong effect on someone or something."

There are many people through history who have made an impact. There may be people doing everyday things who have had an impact on you – hopefully in a good way – friends, family, yes even teachers! I know I had teachers who I still respect and know the names of today!

Then there's people like Gandhi in India who helped India become a nation. or Martin Luther King who helped to fight racism. Then people like Jesus who went around doing good, helping the poor, healing the sick, standing up against power-mad types and loving those that other people rejected.

Making A Difference Quotes

Here are a few quotes to help us think about what making an impact looks like:

Gandhi – "You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Martin Luther King quote – I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

Jesus – *"Then Jesus arrived from Nazareth, anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, ready for action. He went through the country helping people and healing everyone who was beaten down by the Devil. He was able to do all this because God was with him."*

Robert F Kennedy – *"The purpose of life is to contribute in some way to making things better."*

Author unclear, possibly Marcus Aurelius – *"I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to my fellow creatures, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again"*

Lecrae – *"I'm not here to impress. I'm here to impact."*

VIDEO - Eddie The Eagle Promo

Direct Youtube Link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AN5PBM8vKfs>
(accessed January 2019)

Alternatively get the movie and show a clip of Eddie doing a jump. For example, Chapter 3 (if using a DVD). Timings: 0:19:09 – 0:20:33

How Can You Make A Difference?

As people get older they often find that certain things become more important. Fame, money, power become less important. People value friendships, relationships, their health, who they are and the impact they've made on others. That should be our motto.

One thing that Jesus said is that it's better to give than receive. If you've seen these home improvement shows where people help re-build the house of someone who is ill or who was a military veteran, they often say helping the person was the best thing they've ever done. If you've seen shows like Secret Millionaire or Undercover Boss, the people who give to others are often more rewarded in how they feel than the person they give to.

Jesus once said that life isn't just about how much you can get. You can get stuff but you can be robbed, or burgled, or lose things or they rust and get eaten by moths! But life is about what you can do to make a positive impact, to make a difference in a good way.

I know young people raising money for good causes – those who go abroad and serve communities, help build schools, bring water to villages and just show love to children. I know young people who work to fight modern day slavery or oppression of women and help girls be able to go to school.

There are others like Malala Yousafzai who is a Pakistani activist for female education and who was jointly awarded the 2014 Noble Peace Prize for her struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education.

Video: Lecrae – Freedom

This is a brilliant video about being free – making a difference – talking about the negative side of life and offering positive alternatives. Lecrae is a world renowned rapper who uses positive lyrics.

Direct Link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iVSX7uJeonE>
(accessed January 2019)

Make An Impact - Lecrae's words

*"Heard a prophet say the profit, don't focus on makin' change
Just focus on tryna be it and maybe you'll make a gain
Maybe you'll free the slaves, maybe you'll bring a change
The destinations are different but everyone's on the train"*

Full song lyrics can be found here –

<http://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/lecræ/freedom.html>

So how can you make a positive impact in the world?

Jesus said that he came so that people could have life and life abundantly – life to the max. He helped people change from the inside-out. But what about you? How are you going to respond? How can you bring life to others?