

DO YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

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We live in a nation with over 310 billion people. While living in Las Vegas, we had over 1 million living in the city. Sometimes numbers can make things seem out of sorts. All these people and I'm just one person in that number. I'm very insignificant, right?

What do you see when you look around the world or in your own city? Suffering, death, anguish, immorality, and people who have no respect for God or His word. **What can one person do?** Ever hear someone, or maybe yourself, make such a statement? Is it true?

CAN ONE PERSON REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE? Before answering, let me give you some food for thought.

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD." {Genesis 6: 8} Noah lived in a world where man's heart was "evil continually." Noah did not go with the crowd. He, and his wife, raised three sons in an ungodly world. Noah was just **ONE** person.

"And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. "{Joshua 24:15} Israel was following after false gods, doing many things which led them away from God. Not Joshua. He was going to serve the Lord! Joshua was just **ONE** person.

"Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied." {Acts 9:31}

Saul of Tarsus was just one man. Yet, he was making havoc with the church Acts 8:3. When this man was converted, the church had peace for a time. This same man, as the apostle Paul, penned at least thirteen books of the New Testament. He did much in the spread of the gospel during his preaching. Paul was just **ONE** man.

"For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. For John had said to Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.'" {Mark 6:17,18} John the Baptist stood before King Herod, a man who could take his life. Little, nobody, John the Baptist. What did he do? He told the king he was guilty of immorality! What could John do as **ONE** man? Simply tell the truth!

Let me drop a few others to consider, on the "other side" of the issue.

Achan. Read Joshua 6 and 7. This man, because of his greed, caused a city to be lost and 36 men to die in battle. He was just ONE man.

Ahab. A wicked king of Israel, 1Kings 18:17. He brought the worship of Baal unto God's people. There was no king more wicked before or after his reign. He was just ONE man.

Diotrephes in 3 John 9-11. He was one man who wanted the preeminence among the saints, by keeping saints out of the church who were trying to follow God. He was just ONE man.

"He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad." {Matthew 12:30}

Now what about you? Are you making a difference as a Christian? Just look within this congregation. Yes, we have many members, but you are one of those members. Each of us have different talents and abilities, but we all have them. Yes, you who are only **ONE PERSON**. Make your life count and be busy in the Lord's kingdom! ***