

# Make a Difference As a Follower of Jesus

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Acts 17:6-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12;  
Rom 12:10; Luke 22:19-20

Political power

Legal power

Religious power

<sup>6</sup> “These people have made trouble everywhere in the world, and now they have come here too! <sup>7</sup> Jason is keeping them in his house. All of them do things against the laws of Caesar, saying there is another king, called Jesus.” Acts 17:6–7

<sup>3</sup> We must always thank God for you, brothers and sisters. This is only right, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love that every one of you has for each other is increasing. 2 Thessalonians 1:3

Faith and love \_\_\_\_\_ diverse people. They unify us into the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

Our country needs to see \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus followers. If faith and love are my values, I value who \_\_\_\_\_ values. Zealots and Tax Collectors

This is how Jesus’ followers make a \_\_\_\_\_ in their community.

<sup>4</sup> So we brag about you to the other churches of God. We tell them about the way you continue to be strong and have faith even though you are being treated badly and are suffering many troubles. 2 Thessalonians 1:4

<sup>5</sup> This is proof that God is right in his judgment. He wants you to be counted worthy of his kingdom for which you are suffering.

2 Thessalonians 1:5

<sup>6</sup> God will do what is right. He will give trouble to those who trouble you.

<sup>7</sup> And he will give rest to you who are troubled and to us also when the Lord Jesus appears with burning fire from heaven with his powerful angels. 2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

<sup>8</sup> Then he will punish those who do not know God and who do not obey the Good News about our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 1:8

<sup>9</sup> Those people will be punished with a destruction that continues forever. They will be kept away from the Lord and from his great power. 2 Thessalonians 1:9

They keep focused on \_\_\_\_\_ things despite their worldly \_\_\_\_\_.

Don't let \_\_\_\_\_ struggles or victories replace \_\_\_\_\_ things. How we react the day after the election will demonstrate what we put our \_\_\_\_\_ in.

The early church's focus on the kingdom of heaven \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdoms of this world. This is how we make a difference. Disciple-Making

<sup>10</sup> This will happen on the day when the Lord Jesus comes to receive glory because of his holy people. And all the people who have believed will be amazed at Jesus. You will be in that group, because you believed what we told you. 2 Thessalonians 1:10

<sup>11</sup> That is why we always pray for you, asking our God to help you live the kind of life he called you to live. We pray that with his power God will help you do the good things you want and perform the works that come from your faith. 2 Thessalonians 1:11

God's \_\_\_\_\_ is how we make a difference. This is how people will \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus in his church.

\_\_\_\_\_ people more than their opinions warrant, in your opinion. "Outdo one another" is showing \_\_\_\_\_ to each other. Romans 12:10 But what if they're a Republican/Democrat?

<sup>12</sup> We pray all this so that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will have glory in you, and you will have glory in him. That glory comes from the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 1:12

Glory/Significance is a gift. In a relationship with God you will \_\_\_\_\_ significance not \_\_\_\_\_ it.

<sup>19</sup> And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19

<sup>20</sup> In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. Luke 22:20