

BEING *the* DIFFERENCE

LIFE-CHANGING LIVES

Part 1

“Jesus said, ‘The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.’”

JOHN 10:10

“From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. When they arrived, he said to them: ‘You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.’”

ACTS 20:17-21

4 STEPS TO BEING THE DIFFERENCE . . .

1. _____
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“I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents.”

ACTS 20:19

People want your words to match your _____.

2. _____

"I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus."

ACTS 20:21

We must emphasize two non-negotiable ingredients: _____ and _____.

"And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will."

2 TIMOTHY 2:24-26

"For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death."

2 CORINTHIANS 7:10

"Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?"

ROMANS 2:4

3. _____

"And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there."

ACTS 21:22

"Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

ROMANS 5:5

4. _____

"But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

ACTS 20:24