

CHF 8TH JANUARY 2021

THEME: MAKING IMPACT IN OUR WORLD

TOPIC: IMPACTING MY FAMILY AND NEIGHBOURS

TEXT: GENESIS 22:18, DEUTERONOMY 4:5-10

INTRODUCTION

Impact: To have a strong effect on someone or something; Influence.

Matthew 5:13-16 ESV

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

There are three areas of our “world” where we could make an impact:

- Our Family
- Our Neighbours
- The Nations

How do I impact my family?

1. How I model – Being an example – 1 Timothy 4:12
2. How I teach – 1 Peter 3:15, Deuteronomy 6:6-7, Ephesians 6:4
3. How I pray – Ephesians 6:18, 1 Timothy 5:8, Psalm 127:1-2

Four Ways to Pray for Family

1. Specifically – John 16:24, Matthew 7:7-8
2. Consistently – Luke 18:1, Ephesians 6:18, Colossians 1:9
3. Patiently – Philippians 4:6, Psalm 37:7-9, Habakkuk 2:3
4. Confidently – 1 John 5:14, James 5:16, Matthew 21:22

How do I impact my neighbours?

1. By my “witness” (How I live) – Matthew 5:16, 9:8, 1 Peter 2:15
2. By my “works” – Luke 10:30-37, 5:16, James 2:14-16
3. By my “words” (My testimony) – Acts 20:24, Ephesians 4:29

CONCLUSION

We have been called to a life of purpose and significance. People who live a life of purpose make a meaningful difference in someone else’s life. They serve as exemplary role models, and gain as much satisfaction witnessing the success of others as witnessing their own.