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Difference Maker: one who makes a positivedifference by bringing the transforming love and wisdom of Jesus into everyday life and relationships

Becoming a positive Difference-Maker means I must be: Positively ENGAGED in this world • Positively DIFFERENT in this world

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Good works are not things we do, but a way of life.

1) Look Sideway Accept forgiveness from past Don't worry about your future Be Aware of God today!

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Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, Ephesians 5:15,16

1) Look Sideway 2) Open Up Be vulnerable with others Join a community group

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Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16

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Everything in the universe has some aspect of God's goodness in it.

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. Romans 1:20

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father . . . James 1:17

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"He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' Matthew 10:45

Look Sideway
Open Up
See Good as God
Step Up - Do Something - Serve Others
Go Away

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Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Mark 1:35

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Trust in him at all times, *O people; pour out your* hearts to him, for God is our refuge. Psalm 62:8

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Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything" James 1:2-4