

DIFFERENCE MAKERS

A TIME TO BUILD

"A LIFE-CHANGING GIFT"

Acts 3:1-16 - February 8, 2015

Message 5 of 8 in "Difference Makers: Time to Build"

2015: The Year of Jesus' Church

Acts 1:

1. Get to _____¹ for the good of others.
2. There are no _____² people in God's church.

Acts 2:

1. We are a _____³ generation living in the last days.
2. The impact of _____⁴.

Acts 3: We see one of the great "_____"⁵ of the Apostles.

A Life-Changing Gift:

1. I can only give what I _____⁶. v. 6

_____⁷ is everything!

The focus of this statement is not on what we lack, but on what we _____⁸!

This statement is not a statement of frugality, but a statement of _____⁹.

SPIRITUAL TRUTH: Our best, in God's hands, is always _____¹⁰.

2. I have what I have because of _____¹¹.

Peter quickly admits that it's not his _____¹² or his level of _____¹³ that has allowed him to impact people.

Peter humbly deflects the _____¹⁴ from what he did, or what he had, to what Jesus had given him and what Jesus had allowed him to do.

Acts 3:13; 16 - *"The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus...By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name...that has completely healed him..."*

When a person gets to this level of belief, giving is always "giving _____¹⁵."

When people get to this level of belief, they are willing to give _____¹⁶ gifts.

You give a staggering gift when you use your wealth to draw _____
to Jesus.

You give a staggering gift when you give up something you've _____
hard for.

You know you give a staggering gift when those close to you would
_____ ¹⁹ it.

You know you give a staggering gift when God keeps stirring something
_____ ²⁰ inside of you.

When you give a staggering gift it creates a _____ ²¹ in your life that you will
never forget, and that the people who are blessed by it will never forget.

Some people are _____ ²² to give a staggering gift to Jesus and his church.

When we believe that broken people need fixed, or that sick people need to be made well,
we might feel that _____ ²³ can provide the answer.

When we believe that _____ ²⁴ people need to _____ ²⁵, we have
to rely on Jesus.

Be prayerful about a spirit that _____ ²⁶ to give to Jesus and his church.

The _____ ²⁷ of a life-changing gift are worth the sacrifice of that gift.

Acts 3:16; 19; 26 - *"By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all*
¹⁹*Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may*
come from the Lord...²⁶When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning
each of you from your wicked ways."

A Life-Changing Gift

- Brings _____ ²⁸.
- Brings _____ ²⁹.
- Brings _____ ³⁰.
- Brings _____ ³¹.

Your gift _____ ³² a building for JCI will be life-changing.

Our gift _____ ³³ a building for our community will be life-changing.

Jesus' gift of his church to the world was, and _____ ³⁴, life-changing.

Answers: ¹Work, ²unimportant, ³chosen, ⁴sharing, ⁵Acts, ⁶have, ⁷Perspective, ⁸have, ⁹generosity, ¹⁰enough, ¹¹Jesus, ¹²power, ¹³godliness, ¹⁴attention, ¹⁵back, ¹⁶staggering, ¹⁷attention, ¹⁸worked, ¹⁹question, ²⁰deep, ²¹moment, ²²hesitant, ²³we, ²⁴dead, ²⁵live, ²⁶struggles, ²⁷results, ²⁸strength, ²⁹healing, ³⁰refreshing, ³¹blessing, ³²towards, ³³of, ³⁴remains.

