

IMPACT

Having a lasting, positive effect on people

WHAT WE WILL DISCUSS

How to better have a positive impact on those around you.

What causes people to change.

Why so much change seems to be short-term.

How did Jesus empower people to change.

How do you give people value.

Why it is important to give people value.

THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS BY C.S. LEWIS

“There is going to be some benevolence and some malice in your patient’s soul. The great thing is to direct the malice to his immediate neighbors whom he meets every day and to thrust his benevolence out to the remote circumference, to people he does not know. The malice thus become wholly real and the benevolence largely imaginary.

TYPES OF CHANGE MOTIVATORS

Pull

Push

Rock Bottom

PULL MOTIVATION

Fascinated or drawn to something

We feel a pull that comes from within

-Have enough responsibility for oneself

-Have healthy enough self-esteem

-Have enough awareness

PULL MOTIVATION

- Won't try to reach our goal "regretfully" or "through clenched teeth"
- Won't quit when confronted by first difficulty
- Tend to find joy in the process

PUSH MOTIVATION

Could be external or internal

Don't want to change but feel you have to

May not really think it's possible to change

Often change is extremely painful, short-term, fruitless, or harmful

Nag, shame, guilt trip, humiliate, threaten, blame

Motivators: FEAR, GUILT, ANGER, SHAME

PUSH MOTIVATION

“...This means that such a person probably is motivated not by the goal or the whole process, but by a constant desire to avoid excessive fear, shame, guilt, loneliness, unworthiness, etc.”

-Darius Cikanavicius

ROCK BOTTOM MOTIVATION

Experience very strong emotional shake

A traumatic event

People who need this jolt for change may exhibit some of these characteristics:

- No responsibility for one's actions
- Fatalistic understanding of one's life
- Entitlement and narcissism

ROCK BOTTOM MOTIVATION

- Have very low self esteem
- Very destructive behavior towards oneself and/or others
- Very strong desire to be rescued and take care of by others

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How to have a lasting, positive effect on someone

How to affect someone's eternal destiny

How to affect someone's current life

"DO YOU ALSO WANT TO GO AWAY?"

Sarcasm: "You guys gonna leave too?"

Threat: "You'll be sorry if you leave too!"

Weakness: "Please don't leave me."

Compromise: "Please stay, I won't talk like that anymore."

Entice: "Think about all the miracles you'll miss."

Insecure: "Everybody is leaving, nobody loves me."

“DO YOU ALSO WANT TO GO AWAY?”

This leaves Jesus vulnerable

The choice is theirs

Jesus is not going to control you

Jesus is not after a crowd

Jesus thought long-term

Jesus knew his audience

DOESN'T WORK / DOES WORK

Not Praying for someone

Pray for them

DOESN'T WORK / DOES WORK

Telling them what to do

Model it for them, give them something to follow

DOESN'T WORK / DOES WORK

Trying to insert God into every conversation.

Talk plainly and openly about who God is to you.

DOESN'T WORK / DOES WORK

Living offended/holding grudges

Forgiving, willing to talk through,
listen

DOESN'T WORK / DOES WORK

Unwilling to admit mistakes, bad judgement

You aren't always right, don't act like you are. (right-standing, not right)

DOESN'T WORK / DOES WORK

Working to promote yourself over someone.

Treat everyone as valuable but not the same.

DOESN'T WORK / DOES WORK

Overreacting to failure

Patience when others fail

DOESN'T WORK / DOES WORK

Condemning unchristian behavior

Enjoy life in a pure way, model
being blessed

DOESN'T WORK / DOES WORK

Acting like you care one minute,
then stab them in the back the next

Genuinely care for other people, may
need to work on this

DOESN'T WORK / DOES WORK

Speaking negatively

Speak life, speak positively

DOESN'T WORK / DOES WORK

Being fake

Be real

DOESN'T WORK / DOES WORK

Being overly opinionated

Spend more time listening, asking questions

DOESN'T WORK / DOES WORK

Expecting everyone to adjust to you

Readily adjust yourself to others

DOESN'T WORK / DOES WORK

Talking negatively about others

Be intentional about putting in a good word about others

DOESN'T WORK / DOES WORK

Questioning authority

Respecting authority

DOESN'T WORK / DOES WORK

Loudly defending my rights

Walking in confidence, God has my
back

DOESN'T WORK / DOES WORK

Complaining

Thankfulness

DOESN'T WORK / DOES WORK

Not praying

Praying

1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-23 THE MESSAGE

Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized—whoever. I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be *in* on it!

Am I, one who has all things and am seated with Him in heavenly places, willing to become one who has nothing for the sake of your soul?

Am I willing to lay down my life for a friend?

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COLOSSIANS 1:9-10 AMPLIFIED

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about it, we have not stopped praying for you, asking [specifically] that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom [with insight into His purposes], and in understanding [of spiritual things], ¹⁰ so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord [displaying admirable character, moral courage, and personal integrity], to [fully] please *Him* in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing in the knowledge of God [with deeper faith, clearer insight and fervent love for His precepts];

COLOSSIANS 1:11-12 AMPLIFIED

¹¹ [we pray that you may be] strengthened *and* invigorated with all power, according to His glorious might, to attain every kind of endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints (God's people) in the Light.