**WHAT IF I MADE A DIFFERENCE IN MY WORLD?**

What If – Explore the Possibilities – Part 7

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**Memory Verse**

***2 Timothy 2:2 (NLT2)***  *You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.*

**Deuteronomy 34:1-12 – Scripture Reading**

**To make the world a better place -- this should be the goal of every believer**.

**The opposite of living to make a difference is living for yourself**

**THE PROBLEMS YOU GET WHEN YOU LIVE FOR YOURSELF**

1. **Leads To Isolation**

*Just sad and disgusted is what you've grown up to be  
Bet you had no idea this is what your dream would turn out to be  
When you live for yourself, it's hard on everyone.  
But you did it your way man, you did it all  
How does it feel to be the big daddy of them all?   
[Big Daddy of Them All by John Mellencamp]*

1. **Leads To Fulfillment**

Philippians 3:3-11

**What good will it do when you live to make a difference in your world?**

You will reach your potential; you will experience deeper, fuller relationships; and you will make the world a better place.

**THREE THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT YOUR LIFE**

1. **You Will Be Mourned, But Not Forever**

**Deuteronomy 34:7-8 (NLT2)**   
Moses was 120 years old when he died, yet his eyesight was clear, and he was as strong as ever. The people of Israel mourned for Moses on the plains of Moab for thirty days, until the customary period of mourning was over.

1. **Devote Yourself To A Purpose That Will Outlive You**

**Deuteronomy 34:1-4 (NLT2)**   
Then Moses went up to Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab and climbed Pisgah Peak, which is across from Jericho. And the LORD showed him the whole land, from Gilead as far as Dan; all the land of Naphtali; the land of Ephraim and Manasseh; all the land of Judah, extending to the Mediterranean Sea; the Negev; the Jordan Valley with Jericho—the city of palms—as far as Zoar. Then the LORD said to Moses, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have now allowed you to see it with your own eyes, but you will not enter the land.”

1. **Invest In Building Those Who Will Come After You**

**Deuteronomy 34:9 (NLT2)**   
Now Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him, doing just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

**2 Timothy 2:2 (NLT2)**   
You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.

The truth is that you will accomplish more through the people who come after you than you will accomplish through your own efforts ... so devote your life to building others.