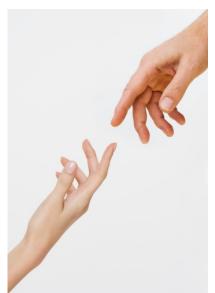
Introduction



One way or the other we all are linked together and there is no way to avoid coming in contact with people in general. The focus of this article is to examine the effects of your relationship with other people that you come across in life and see whether or not your contact with them improves their lives or makes them worse.

This article is based on the story in Ezekiel 47:1-12: Although it may seem spiritual, we will endeavor to apply it to our everyday life. Notice in the reading of this passage that the water flowing from the temple continued to increase up to an immeasurable level; then it flowed into the sea and to various living creatures which it healed and made fruitful (prosperous). As you read this article, it is my intention that God will assist you to begin or continue to promote positive and godly attitude towards others.

Instrument of use:

1. The Source (temple / sanctuary) - ME

2. The Water (Holy Spirit & God's words) - MY ACTIONS / ATTITUDE

3. The Tree - The Sea and tree - THE PEOPLE I COME IN CONTACT WITH

Notes:

1. I must first recognize myself as a source of goodness

("... the temple of the Holy Spirit.") - 1 Cor. 3:16

("A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad.") – Mat. 12:33

2. For the water (my character) to have any remarkable effect as it flows into the sea, it needs to increase in volume.

- For me to have a good and godly effect on the people I touch or come in contact with in life, I must **increase** (**Ezek. 47:3-5**) in and be full of the Holy Spirit and the word of God – ("... abide in my word ...") – **John 8:31.** Remember, the Holy Spirit is the source of power and truth; also the word of God is life

3. My touch must heal and bless the people I come in contact with: Ezek. 47:9-12

Think about this:

"To those who are perishing, we are a dreadful smell of death and doom. But to those who are being saved, we are a life-giving perfume. And who is adequate for such a task as this?" - (2 Cor. 2:16). Are you a life-living perfume?

We touch people through our attitude:

- Attitude towards the poor and needy:
- 1. Know that God has power over all 1 Sam. 2:7
- 2. Don't despise the poor and needy James 2:2-6
- 3. Intentionally leave some of your goods for them Lev. 19:10
- 4. Share with the poor, they'll always be around **Deut. 15:11**

5. The righteous considers the cause of the poor: but the wicked regards not to know it. - Proverbs 29:7

- We touch people through the words we speak to them on various occasions:

1. Speak words of kindness and healing ("*Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.*") – **Prov. 16:24**

- We touch people in the way we express / exercise our liberty: Don't misuse your liberty when dealing with others.

1. "But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak." (1 Cor. 8:9)

2. *"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."* Gal. 5:13

3. *"Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God."* **1 Peter 2:16**

With the above listed attitude and more, you will positively and graciously affect whoever comes across your life. God bless you as you purpose in your heart to lift someone up.

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