



" Yes You Do Make A Difference "

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No matter where you turn these days, it seems that Police are on the hot seat and under the microscope. Every action scrutinized and a lot of second guessing. Yet we are in a profession where every second counts, there is no time to think too much, under stress, your training kicks in and you do "what you got to do". But what makes us especially proud as your Chaplains, is when we see your actions on a daily basis that are not publicized, all the hidden acts of charity and kindness that never make the news. Buying a cup of coffee for the homeless person, an ice cream for a child who can't buy one, sitting with a family giving comfort after they have lost a loved one to violence. Doing the work of a Dr., a lawyer, a therapist, a Minister all tied into one. Making our world a better place to live one deed at a time. I was recently asked by one of our members "Can one person really make a difference?" And the answer is a definite yes, It reminded me of the parable story, of my old typewriter called:

"You Are A Key Person"

"You see, even though my typewriter is an old model, it works very well except for one key. You would think that with all the other keys functioning properly, one key not working would hardly be noticed; but just one key out of whack seems to ruin the whole effort."

"You may say to yourself- Well I'm only one person. No one will notice if I don't do my best. But it does make a difference because, to be effective as an organization or as a family active participation is needed by every one to the best of his or her ability." So the next time you think you are not important, remember my old typewriter. You are a key person."

As God's children we are all special in our own way. EACH KEY COUNTS AND IS NEEDED TO MAKE THE PICTURE COMPLETE. Believe in yourself, follow your dreams, and be the best that YOU can be, because each of us are needed to make the picture complete, we are all part of it. And here is a bit of Temple humor to keep you smiling.

"The Lottery Ticket"

This nice, elderly gentleman really wanted to win the lottery. So, one week, he goes to Temple to pray and says "Lord of heaven and earth, imagine how much good I could do with the money, if I would win the lottery! Imagine how much charity I could give!, Help me win the lottery and I will spend the money wisely!"

He doesn't win the lottery.

The next week, he goes to Temple again and says, "Oh, lord of heaven and earth, you must not have heard me last week! Imagine how many lives I could make easier with the money from the lottery! Help me win the lottery!" Once again, he doesn't win. The third week, he goes to temple again and prays in a similar vein.

Suddenly, he hears a voice from the heavens: "Help me, help me!"

The man says, "Lord of heaven and earth, what can I do to help YOU?"

"Buy a lottery ticket!" answered the Lord.

As you go through life, when asking the Lord for assistance and guidance, don't forget to do YOUR part, (saying a daily prayer, sharing a kind word with the less fortunate, sharing a smile with someone who can't afford their own etc.) you'll be surprised how much it'll help brighten YOUR day.

On behalf of the ALL the Chaplains, may G-d bless you keep you safe and always keep you in His loving care. Should you need a shoulder to lean on or have some good humor to share , don't hesitate to give us a call or drop us a line. Have a healthy enjoyable summer. Amen.

Compliments of your Police Chaplain

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