

"The Butterfly Effect"

Video – "Wake"

II Corinthians 9:6 NLT- *"Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop."*

I. The Theory

The butterfly effect is the idea that one small shift or change can have a profound and significant effect upon other things. It originated with the thought that the disturbance of the air by a single butterfly is enough to change the weather patterns all over the world. This applies to anything and everything that disturbs the air no matter how big or how small. The smaller events take longer than the bigger events to have an effect - but it just a matter of time and the effect is just as dramatic - but it just takes a little longer.

It suggests that the weather is so sensitive to tiny changes, that something as microscopic as a butterfly flapping its wings in Brazil could set off a tornado in Texas.

I am not certain about the truth of this physically, but spiritually, it is a principle all through the Bible.

Video - Example is like the Direct TV ads, although extremely exaggerated.

Small acts create GREAT IMPACTS!

Sometimes, you simply need to say it or give it and God will show up.

Plant small... reap small; plant big...reap big. It's an ongoing theme of the Bible. The SPIRITUAL Butterfly Effect.

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The Church was created to impact the world with the principles of the Kingdom of God. This kind of REAL ACTION is what will make an IMPACT.

Ezekiel 33 tells us that we are RESPONSIBLE for the condition of those around us, to be a watchman on the wall. In addition, the Word warns us not to become a stumbling block to others.

The things we do will have a profound affect on others. We all like to be around positive people. We don't like negativity or people who always see the bad in every situation (Debbie Downer).

But even in SMALL THINGS, we can multiply the SPIRIT REALM.

In the physical, a small storm becomes a F4 tornado. In the spiritual, small acts, simple words of faith, little prayers, etc. will have a MASSIVE IMPACT for the Kingdom of God.

Mark 11:23 NIV – *"Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them."*

Deuteronomy 32:30 - ...one can put 1K to flight, 2 can put 10K to flight.

Matthew 9:29 NLT – "They He touched their eyes and said, 'Because of your faith, it will happen.'"

SACRIFICIAL giving ALWAYS brings the PRESENCE and the GLORY of God!

II Chronicles 5 & 7 – Chapter 7 promise "If my people..." The reason this promise is given is because what happened in chapter 5 – Solomon and all the people present all the sacrificial gifts to God. He shows up in such a big way that priests cannot stand to minister. The glory of the Lord was thick like a cloud. MAIN QUESTION: Why did the glory of the Lord fill Solomon's temple? – because of the sacrificial giving.

It doesn't take a lot of people or a million dollars to create an impact. Of course, the more people and resources you have, the greater the impact can be.

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II Corinthians 9:6-10 NLT- *"⁶Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. ⁷You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." ⁸And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. ⁹As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever." ¹⁰For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you."*

Not equal giving but equal sacrifice. Real question is how much do we want to impact our world?