

# Change- Christopher Brainos

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I woke up this morning with a thought on my mind. I've been hashing it over in my mind all morning, and I think that I'm coming to understand what it means. The thought is simple: "If you want change, you have to give more than what's required of you."

I walk into a store and buy something. My total is 12 euros. I give a 20 euro bill and I get change. It works the same in life. If I want to see something new, something different; in short, if I want to see CHANGE, I have to go beyond what is required and what I would normally do. A clerk won't give me change if I give him 12 euros, because I'm only giving what's required. I'm only maintaining a balance. When I give him more than what I have to give him, I create an unbalanced situation. In order to balance the situation, I have to get change.

Gandhi told us "Be the change you wish to see in the world." It's an interesting concept, and it's based in reality. But there's more to it than just demonstrating, or being, the change. How do we do that? By creating an imbalance in the world. An imbalance that forces things to change. And we do that in a positive way by going above, going beyond, by giving more than what's required of us! We have to swim against the current, stir things up, and change the status quo.

If I give more than what's required of me in school, my grades will change.

If I give more than what's required of me in relationships, they will change.

If I give more than what's required of me in prayer, fasting, Bible Study, worship, ministry, my life will change.

If I give more than what's required of me to the world, IT WILL CHANGE!

By going beyond the status quo and creating an imbalance, we can produce change in our churches, in our families, in our schools, and in our world. How desperate are we to see these things happen? How desperate am I? Am I desperate enough that I will do more than what I have to do? That I will give 110% effort? That I will sacrifice other things in order to create an imbalance in my world? I hope I am, and if not, I hope that I can get to that point of desperation where nothing else matters except seeing the change I want to see.

So I would challenge everyone, myself first, to go out and find places to create imbalances in the world. Find opportunities to give more than what's required of you.

Give God more than what He asks, and he will give you the CHANGE.