

Don't Tell Me, Show Me

Ready:

Little children, we must not love in word or speech, but in deed and truth.—1 John 3:18

Set

In 1964, Nepalese fighters known as Gurkhas were asked if they would jump from airplanes into combat against the Indonesians. Although the Gurkhas did not completely understand what they were being asked, they agreed to jump from the airplanes into battle. They asked that the planes fly slowly over a swampy area, no higher than 100 feet. When told their parachutes would not have time to open at that height, the Gurkhas replied, "You didn't mention we would have parachutes." Incredibly, they were willing to jump without parachutes! They were willing to pay the price and do it with passion.

We live in a world with a lot of "talk." We hear much about "trash talking" in sports. Are you a "tell me" player, or a "show me" player? Usually if a player has to talk about their game, they don't have a game. "Show me" players are dependable; they take care of business, work hard, and are responsible.

When I share this thought, I often hear God saying, "Don't tell me you love me, show me!" I ask myself if I am really living for God in every aspect of my life. Do my actions show that I love Jesus and others?

God wants us to get in the game. He does not want us to be spectators or stand on the sidelines. He doesn't want us to talk about what we will do. He wants us to do it. So, today, go for it! Make the commitment! Just do it!

Go

1. What do you need to change to be a "show me" person?
2. Is Jesus your number one priority?
3. Do your actions show that you love Jesus and others?

Workout

Extra Reading: John 15:12; James 1:22; 1 John 3:10b

Overtime

Lord, thank You that You were a "show me" person and not just all talk. Help me to be more like You each day. Forgive me when I fail to be a doer of Your Word. Amen.

Bible Reference:

1 John 3



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