Making Positive Changes

Read James 4:7-17

Encouragement for the day – “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”

James 4:17 KJV

Change is a difficult thing for firefighters to buy into. In today’s fire service, there is a lot of change, both in technology and in tactics, that is thrown at us at a blistering pace. Many of these changes have been born out of tragedies and are designed to keep us safe as we deliver professional services to the community. The other day I discussed with a firefighter the department I now serve in. This rural Virginia fire department is lacking in several key areas and is trying to improve. Some of the firefighters choose to talk bad about certain people rather than focusing their energy into changing the department for good. I posed the question to the firefighter whom I was talking with, asking him what is worse not knowing the correct way to run a department or to have knowledge of the needed changes and yet not help in implementing those changes. I choose to use the knowledge I have been given to help improve the department.

James makes a bold statement in chapter four when he says; “Therefore to him, that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.” God often puts a burden or passion within in us to help someone. When we disregard that urge to become involved James uses strong language in telling us it is sinful. Our departments and those we serve with can only know that the love of God abides within us if we are willing to go the extra mile and help them in times of need. God has given each of us skills and abilities that can be used to further the Kingdom within the fire service and truly change it for good. Why in the world would we want to stand there and choose to do nothing? Let’s resolve today to do something for God.

Lord, thank You for the opportunities you give me each day to share with others Your great love for them.

Encouragement is the word of the day!!

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