

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"Making a difference" is a statement or objective that has some differing opinions or ideas. There are lots of folks or organizations that claim to "make a difference" and, no matter the cause or caliber of this claim, imply that the difference (made) is for good or better.

A man that is highly admired and respected in this area, coach Paul Bryant said: "It's not the will to win, but the will to prepare to win that makes the difference". Obviously, he means the difference between winning and losing. But I like this anonymous quote more:

**Never be afraid to do something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark; professionals built the Titanic...**

The sourced quote of Abby Ferber has some association to the anonymous quote in that great people do not always do great things and, conversely, people who are not great (or have not been categorized or deemed great), are not incapable of doing great things. If we look to "great" people as the single-source of inspiration or admiration, than we will be surely disappointed at one time or another. In addition, these great people sometimes are perceived as so great that they are superhuman or *beyond reach*. Let's not forget, that even the famed, great people are just people too.

Who (or what) is your inspiration? When you consider the question and the possibilities, what are the qualities or attributes?

- ✓ Physical beauty
- ✓ Mental intelligence
- ✓ Personal charm
- ✓ Financial prosperity
- ✓ Political power
- ✓ Social graces, charming personality, etc.

Well, any one or all of this qualities and attributes are noteworthy and, given enough attention, could (or can) lead to greatness – along with respect, admiration and a host of other accolades.

In his classic poem, "The Road Less Traveled", Robert Frost writes in closing: "I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." Whatever or whoever will deem or consider "great" has some importance; but the courage to do with what we have (or what we've been given) is greater – even if means building a boat and preparing for a flood when it has never rained before.

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