

# All-Night Bus Ride

In our lifetime, each one of us influences both by word and by deed – either for good or for bad – countless numbers of people. That means all of us are difference makers.

Take Miss Amy Whittington as an example. She would certainly qualify as one who directly and indirectly influenced thousands of people.

At age 83, she was still teaching a Sunday school class in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan. She learned that the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago was offering a seminar to teach people how to be more effective teachers.

She literally saved her pennies until she had the necessary money to buy a bus ticket to Chicago. She rode the bus all night to attend the seminar to learn new methods and procedures so she could do a better job.

One of the professors, impressed with her age, enthusiasm, and the fact that she had ridden the bus all night to attend the seminar, engaged her in conversation. He asked her what age group she taught and how many were in her class. When she responded that she taught a class of junior high school boys and there were 13 in the class, the professor asked how many kids belonged to the church. Miss Whittington replied, “Fifty.”



The professor, astonished that she taught more than 25 percent of the church youth, responded, “With that kind of record, we should have you teach us how to teach.” How right he was!

It is a truism that people who are already good at what they do are far more likely to work at getting better than are those who are marginal performers.

What kind of impact did Miss Amy Whittington have? Well, 86 of those boys she taught in her Sunday school class through the years ended up in the ministry.

Can't you just imagine the thousands of people she directly and indirectly affected for good? She truly was a difference maker.

In the leadership roles (including teaching) that you have in Life Care and Century Park, you, too, are a difference maker.

Relish the role – and make it a good difference!

*Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise* (Proverbs 13:20 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter