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MLK and Equality

MLK Jr. practiced what he preached, not only figuratively but also in the literal sense. MLK Jr. was a pastor, and he preached multiple sermons, “The dimensions of a complete life,” “What is man,” and “Loving your enemies,” to name a few. MLK Jr. fought for the equal rights of black American men and women without rest. MLK Jr. fought for equality until his last breath. The driving forces of MLK Jr.’s sermons and speeches were passion, justice, and love; these make it easier to understand why he fought so hard for universal equality.

MLK Jr. composed a speech Named “A Time to Break Silence” on April 4th, 1967. In this speech, he said, “We still have a choice today: nonviolent coexistence or violent coannihilation. We must move past indecision to action. We must find new ways to speak for peace in Vietnam and justice throughout the developing world, a world that borders on our doors.” MLK Jr. spoke about peace and how people should put their ideas of world peace into action. MLK Jr. wanted to do something to change society’s equality issue. He used his voice to speak on behalf of black Americans facing inequality and people suffering because of the Vietnam War. MLK Jr. advocated for black people in America and men and women globally.

As a Christian, it is at the core of my beliefs to love people wholeheartedly. As a teenage Haitian immigrant in America, I must use the opportunity of coming to this country to make a change. As the class president of the class of 2025 at my school, I must think like a leader and cause strides that invoke change. The way that I conduct myself, my thoughts, and my actions are to be with love for not only God but people. With each day I am blessed with, I would like to impact people’s lives positively. I look up to MLK Jr. and would like to be a light to this cold, dark world as he was. I would like to use this light to change people, to impact lives, and to soften people’s hearts to justice and love.

There’s a pattern within society; a person’s outer self is more valuable than their inner self. Status, beauty, wealth, attire, material, and confidence are the only things that seem to matter to people. I like breaking societal norms. I like challenging myself and others. Rather than falling for the facade of vanity and materialism, I choose to look within, even though looking within is not easy. It is an everyday challenge that I will not give up easily, just as MLK Jr. did not. Though this dream is difficult, I am taking the first steps to make it a reality. Even though I sometimes fall, hesitate, or stumble, I also climb the ladder of success. MLK Jr. was a remarkable man. In the same way, MLK Jr. strived to “practice what he preached,” I strive to do the same.