

## Sermon #1

Larry, Larry, Larry. That's all you hear about lately and it's really no wonder. The Gospel According to Larry truly was a good book. It's true that many people thought it was a stupid waste of time, but it really wasn't, it was the pure truth. We really are huge consumers and we listen to everything that advertising tells us and that's a big problem. Larry was right when he said that advertising companies would figure out a way to sell us their products when we are sleeping. They will, and when they do, the whole world will be in trouble. Big trouble.

Therefore, instead of buying everything commercials throw at us, we should be doing what Larry did; we should be changing the world. Just look at Larry. He was only one person and he successfully changed the world, even if it wasn't the way he had hoped for. It just goes to show you that even though changing the world is a big job, it is possible if we just put our minds to it.

But then again, commercialism and consumerism have poisoned our minds and filled them with products. Our job is to clean up those filthy minds of ours and make room for things that truly matter. Like ending world hunger, finding a cure for cancer, finding homes for the homeless, and in general, changing the world.

Larry set out to change the world, and he did, but it wasn't to the extent he planned on. What he did changed the world, not by a lot, but enough. Larry's accomplishments didn't add up to much when you look at the smaller picture, but in the grand scheme things, they were a good start.

Even though in the end of the book, Larry had to pretend to commit suicide, Larry still lived on. His legacy would probably never have been forgotten by the people who

went to Larryfest, the people in his school, his stepfather, or betagold. For this reason, Larry still lived, maybe not physically (or so everyone else thought), but he still lived on because people would never forget what he did, and neither should we.

What we need to do is get out there. We need to do our part and make a difference. We cannot give up; we have to finish what Larry started. Even if Larry only lives on paper, we live in the real world, and it has the same problem: commercialism and consumerism. Just because Larry is a fictional character, does not mean that what he did is impossible, because it isn't. We can make a difference, but we have to stick together and put our minds to it. Only then can we truly change the world.

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