

REAL PURPOSE IN LIFE IS IN OUR GIVING

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“For I was hungry, and you gave Me food; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you took Me in.”

Matthew 25:35

It is so easy to get caught up in life, in self-gratification, and in pursuing our own wants and desires that we can completely miss the opportunities all around us. Every day seems to be filled with more and more frustration and dissatisfaction. What is the problem? Perhaps we are missing the point Jesus is teaching; look for opportunities to give/help others. Remember, Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than receive” (Acts 20:35). Let us briefly consider how the real purpose in life is in our giving.

HELP FOR THOSE IN TROUBLE. Psalm 46 describes God as an “ever-present help in trouble.” There are times when we know people who are experiencing great difficulties in life. Sometimes it may be difficulties brought on them by their own choices, or it may be there is just bad things that happen in this life. As God’s people, can we see the transformative power we might have in those who suffer in times of trouble? Yes, it may cost us some money or even a more precious commodity, time, but helping and giving to those in trouble make us more like God, empowering us to make a significant impact in their lives.

WE CAN MEET THEIR NEEDS. There are needs that people have that are physical in nature and we need to see to the importance of meeting these needs if we can do so. As we see people’s physical needs and troubles, let’s not be shortsighted and see only the physical things. There are spiritual needs that people have, and it may be that as the people of God, we are the ones who can help them with these needs. Let’s strive to be comprehensive in our care, addressing both the physical and spiritual needs of those around us.

God has not saved us for our possessions but for our souls. Let’s learn to give our lives to God and let Him use us to help the troubled and needy, impacting their lives so that they may glorify God.