

MAKE LIFE COUNT!

Philippians 2:4-11

- *"My work all seems so useless! I have spent my strength for nothing and for no purpose at all."* (Isaiah 49:4)
- **Most people don't understand their purpose in life, but God's Word teaches us the Lord wants us all to make a difference for good and for God in our world.**
- *"Leave your impoverished confusion and live! Walk up the street to a life with meaning."* (Proverbs 9:6)
- **Jesus understood His purpose in coming to earth, and He wants to help us discover our purpose so we can begin to really *Make Life Count*.**
- Paul - *"Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, He humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated Him to the place of highest honor and gave Him the name above all other names . . ."* (Philippians 2:4-9)
- ***What can we learn from Jesus' life that will help us to MAKE LIFE COUNT?***

We Learn From Jesus' Story That:

SELFLESSNESS IS A KEY TO *MAKING LIFE COUNT*

- *"Though He (Jesus) was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to."* (Philippians 2:6)
- **Jesus existed in Heaven as a part of the Triune God before coming to earth.**
- *"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before God made anything at all and is supreme over all creation."* (Colossians 1:15)
- *"In the beginning the Word already existed. He was with God, and He was God. He was in the beginning with God. He created everything there is."* (John 1:1-3)

- **Jesus, as Father God's Son, is the creator and maker of all things.**
- *"He (Jesus) gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being."* (Philippians 2:7)
- **Jesus outwardly put aside His deity so He could become humankind's Savior (Hebrews 2:14), which was a great expression of God's love for us**
- *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* (John 3:16)

We Learn From Jesus' Story That:

SACRIFICE IS A KEY TO *MAKING LIFE COUNT*

- *"When He (Jesus) appeared in human form, He humbled himself in obedience to God . . ."* (Philippians 2:8)
- **The Bible teaches us about the humbleness and humility of Jesus' life.**
- *"Don't be selfish . . . Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had."* (Philippians 2:3-5)
- **Like Jesus, we should focus our lives on helping others if we want to experience real satisfaction and significance in our lives.**
- *"When He (Jesus) appeared in human form, He humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross."* (Philippians 2:8)
- **Jesus endured such physical, emotional and spiritual agony on the cross He yelled, "My God My God, why have You forsaken Me" (Matthew 27:46).**
- *"God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."* (Romans 5:8)
- **Jesus' great suffering represents the greatness of God's love for us.**
- *"This is how God showed His love . . . He sent His only Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."* (1 John 4:9-10)
- **On the cross Jesus defeated the Devil and paid the penalty for man's sin.**
- *"God disarmed the evil rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by His victory over them on the cross of Christ."* (Colossians 2:15)

We Learn From Jesus' Story That:

SUBMISSION TO GOD IS A KEY TO *MAKING LIFE COUNT*

- *"He (Jesus) humbled himself in obedience to God . . . Therefore, God elevated Him . . ."* (Philippians 2:8-9)
- **Jesus' resurrection, one of the most well substantiated events in history (1 Corinthians 15:1-8), enables us to connect to God's power.**
- Paul - *"I pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe Him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead . . ."* (Ephesians 1:19-20)

- **Through God's power we can experience freedom, healing, victory and provision in our lives (John 8:32, 10:10; Romans 8:37, Philippians 4:19)**
- *"God is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think."* (Ephesians 3:20)

- *"Therefore, God elevated Him to the place of highest honor and gave Him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord . . ."* (Philippians 2:9-11)
- **When we're willing to live selfless, sacrificial and submitted lives, God will do mighty things in, for and through our lives - He will *make our life count*!**
- ***How should I respond to what Jesus has done for me?***
- **Christians should daily seek to: 1) Appreciate Jesus for what He's done for us, and 2) Emulate Jesus in our attitude, ambitions, actions and relationships, and 3) Dedicate ourselves to *Making Life Count*.**
- "The end of life is not to be happy. The end of life is not to achieve pleasure and avoid pain. The end of life is to do the will of God, come what may. - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- "If Jesus Christ is God, and He died for me, there is nothing I should not be willing to do for Him!" (C. T. Studd)

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