

MARKING TIME OR MARKING LIVES? Beyond Success to Significance - Part 3 of 4

"Our people must learn to spend their time doing good, and providing for real needs; they should not live useless lives." Titus 3:14 (GN)

"God... gave us new lives from Christ; and long ago He planned that we should spend these lives in helping others." Eph. 2:10 (LB)

HOW CAN MY WORK BE A MINISTRY?

"Do all your work in love." 1 Cor. 16:14 (GN)

1. _____ PEOPLE UNCONDITIONALLY.

"Accept each other just as Christ has accepted you; then God will be glorified." Rom 15:7 (NIV)

"Mercy triumphs over judgment!" James 2:13 (NIV)

Acceptance doesn't mean approval

"If someone in your group does something wrong, you who are spiritual should go to that person and gently help make him right again, being careful because you might be tempted too." Gal. 6:1 (NCV)

2. _____ PEOPLE CONTINUALLY.

"Encourage each other and build each other up." 1 Th. 5:11

"Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2 (NLT)

"Speak only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Eph. 4:29 (NIV)

"... you are helping by praying for us." 2 Cor. 1:11 (NLT)

3. _____ PEOPLE EAGERLY.

"Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it. Never tell your neighbor to wait until tomorrow if you can help him now." Pr. 3:27-28 (GN)

"If you think you are too important to help someone in need, you are only fooling yourself. You are really a nobody." Gal. 6:3 (NLT)

Jesus: "Your attitude must be like my own, for I did not come to be served, but to serve." Matt. 20:28 (LB)

"In all the work you are doing, work the best you can. Work as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for people. Remember that you'll receive your reward from the Lord." Col. 3:23-24 (NCV)

Anything you've done for one of my brothers here however humble, you've done for me." Mt. 25:40 (NEB)