

A Life of Contribution

Series: The Good Life

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Three Basic Issues in Life:

- **Identity:** “Who am I?”
- **Importance:** “Do I matter?”
- **Impact:** “What is my purpose in life?”

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, died, was laid beside his ancestors.... Acts 13:36 NRSV

The Good Life is a Life of Contribution

I. Barriers to Living a Life of Contribution:

- **Immaturity –**
- **Consumerism –**
- **Insecurity-**

II. Learning to Serve Like Jesus –

Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:26-28

Being Salt and Light-

You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it useful again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. You are the light of the world-like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:13

Salt – Preserves, Seasons, Antiseptic, Creates Thirst

Light – Dispels Darkness, Reveals, Awakens, Warns

Making an Eternal Difference -

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15

I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one. Ezekiel 22:30

"A man can't just sit around." Larry Walters

For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. 2 Chronicles 16:9

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