

IF YOU'RE NEVER MISTAKEN FOR AN ANGEL, YOU'RE DOING IT WRONG

Part Three of Series: The Gift of One Day

How to Find Hope When Life Gets Hard

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“Continue to love each other with true brotherly love. Don’t forget to be kind to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it! Don’t forget about those in jail. Suffer with them as though you were there yourself. Look on victims of abuse as if what happened to them had happened to you. Honor marriage, and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy between wife and husband. God draws a firm line against casual and illicit sex. Don’t be obsessed with getting more material things. Be relaxed with what you have. Since God assured us, ‘I’ll never let you down, never walk off and leave you,’ we can boldly quote, God is there, ready to help; I’m fearless no matter what. Who or what can get to me?” Hebrews 13:1-6 (TLB/MSG)

I. REMEMBER EVERYONE IS HURTING.

“Don’t forget to be kind to strangers....Don’t forget about those in jail.” Hebrews 13:2-3 (TLB)

- Ask God to open my eyes.

“When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” Matthew 9:36 (NIV)

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

- Let God break my heart.

“Don’t forget about those in jail. Suffer with them as though you were there yourself. Share the sorrow of those being mistreated, for you know what they are going through.” Hebrews 13:3 (TLB)

“Don’t be obsessed with getting more material things. Be relaxed with what you have.” Hebrews 13:5a (MSG)

“No, I wouldn’t touch a leper for a thousand dollars, yet I willingly cure him for the love of God.” Mother Teresa

II. RISK LOVING TODAY.

“Indeed, the ‘right time’ is now. Today is the day of salvation.” 2 Corinthians 6:2b (NLT)

- Don’t wait for the big opportunity.

“Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is God’s hand for that person....” Proverbs 3:27 (MSG)

- Don’t overlook the one in front of you.

“Honor marriage, and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy between wife and husband.” Hebrews 13:4a (MSG)

- Don’t expect anything in return.

“But when you do a kindness to someone, do it secretly—don’t tell your left hand what your right hand is doing. And your Father, who knows all secrets, will reward you.” Matthew 6:3-4 (TLB)

- Don’t fear because God is with you.

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