

Love Thy Neighbor in Service

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49, 50, 60, 70, 80 GONE. "In bondage to decay (Romans 9:22 NIV)." The words of the scriptures seem more real each passing year. "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul." (Mathews 16:26 NIV).

Stop right now and look at every physical item (live and inanimate) within your view. What will it look like in 30 years? The new laptop computer you just bought, a piece of trash; your most recent automobile acquisition, an antique; the new house you moved into, needing renovation or demolition; me an old man if I am still alive. Half of the people reading this newsletter right now, dead (and yes you could be part of that half).

Where does the obvious fact of passing time leave you and me? With no answer and simply depressed; wondering what in the world is this all about? Is this some giant joke? Will I just keep doing what I have been doing, retire and die? Hope my children contribute more than

I did?

As time passes taking an eternal view gets easier. In my small office, of the people originally working there when I started 22 years ago, two are dead, two retired or very close, and one is still working. It all happened in a flash. The brevity of life cannot possibly be made clear enough to us all!!!

Do you have grandchildren? Wasn't it just yesterday that you were the grandchild? Look back on whatever time you have had here. What mattered during that span? Anything important from where you currently stand? Anything that is not in bondage to decay? Only our

actions taken for the benefit of another seem to carry any weight. Jesus said "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35 NIV).

Stand The Test of Time

For mothers I can imagine the birth of your children looms large looking back. Is it time for a change? A mid life crisis is more obvious once you actually reach mid life (and my actual mid life was probably 10 years ago). What are you doing now? Trapped in a job because of all the money you spend? Stuck because of what everyone would say if you made a change? Is this newsletter making you crazy just by bringing up the idea?

In my relatively short life, family (immediate & larger) is the one thing that sticks in my mind. My love for all of them just grows as I get older. My family grew exponentially in the past three years. Once I really accepted Jesus Christ, and yes that has nothing to do with church attendance, I became a brother and sister in Christ to all those who

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Christian Counseling

Telephone Resource Services

Shelter

Transportation

Food

Emergency Cash Assistance

Ask how you can help!

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Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Matthew 22:39

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2007 Love Thy Neighbor In Service Golf Challenge

Friday November 2

Take part in the 2007 LTN Golf Challenge. In this unique format, golfers do not pay an entry fee; they simply find sponsors and pledges for LTN within their own sphere of influence. For More Information, contact John White, (404) 310-7176 or George Richerson, (404) 610-7922.

What can you do?

We need your prayers! It is the most important thing you can do for the ministry.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

(James 5:16 NIV)

LTN is committed to spreading the Gospel by Christ's example to "love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew 22:39. To this end, LTN has designed programs with the purpose of helping clients build a relationship of faith in God, regain their dignity and eventually, regain their self-sufficiency. Contact us to learn more about the services and programs.

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have done the same in their life.

Receiving forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus Christ with the responsibility of pointing others to Him gives purpose to life in a way nothing else has. Working for the Glory of God means I can tell anyone any time about Jesus no matter what we started talking about.

Looking back I wonder why I haven't brought it up more often? Which of the millions

of words I have let fly from my mouth are possibly more important? Serving someone in love, "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mathew 22:39 NIV) leads to the ability to speak into someone's life. How many times have you tried it? Could it possibly work? Will it matter when you are laying there on your death bed?

Do you have an idea that you know is from the Lord deep in your heart that presses in on you in the quite times of your life? If you could just get moving on it life would have more meaning... "Take hold of the life that is truly life." (1 Timothy 6:18 NIV).

The boredom factor is dramatically lower when you follow him. The unexpected is normal. Every day is a

new journey. Looking back is a pleasure. Life feels the way you know it is supposed to. It is how you find out HE really exists.

Start small. Write the idea down. Once on paper at least it begins to be real. Take small steps each week and He will show up and take you on a ride you could not have imagined.

May God bless you!

John Chapman, Jr.