

LEGACY
A Life Lived For Others
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Acts 9:36-41

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" ³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. ⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive.

Let us endeavor so to live so that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry. **Mark Twain**

In Hebrews 6:10-12

¹⁰ God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. ¹¹ We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. ¹² We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

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1) We Love God when _____ V10

Mark 10:43-45

⁴³“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Doulos = Bondslave

Ephesians 6:10

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

Love and hurry are fundamentally incompatible. Love always takes time, and time is the one thing hurried people don’t have.
John Ortberg

2) Be _____ V 11

Tabitha:

Was _____

Small disciplines repeated with consistency every day lead to great achievements gained slowly over time.

John Maxwell

Was _____

Matthew 25:40

“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.’

For many of us the great obstacle to charity lies not in our luxurious living or desire for more money, but in our fear--fear of insecurity.

CS Lewis, Mere Christianity

Hebrews leaves us with this:

3) Imitate _____ (and become someone worthy of _____) V 12

The novelist James Baldwin once wrote:

Children have never been good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.

“How you express and live out your faith may have a greater impact on your son or daughter than anything else.”
Kara E. Powell