

'TIS THE SEASON



THE DASH



How do we want to fill ours?

A dark grey background with a repeating floral and vine pattern in a slightly lighter shade of grey.

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HOW ARE WE VIEWED WHEN IT COMES TO MATERIAL POSSESSIONS?

Do we live our lives always wanting the next best thing?

Do we put material things in front of people?

Are we thankful for what we have?

Are we willing to share our possessions?

How do we use what we have been blessed with to glorify God?



GIVING IT ALL AWAY

Karl Rabeder

- Australian Millionaire
- His wealth was making him unhappy.
- His entire fortune went to charities he established in Central and Latin America.
- He receives no income from the charities.



GOD'S THOUGHTS ON POSSESSIONS

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” Luke 16: 13

²¹ Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²² When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. Matthew 19: 21-22

”For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matt 6: 21

“For God so loved the world that he **gave** his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

HOW DO WE TREAT OTHERS?



DO OTHERS KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIAN BY OUR ACTIONS?

Are we willing to help when needed?

Are we patient?

Do we judge others?

Are we ready to forgive?

Are our words helpful or hurtful?

Are we a person someone can trust?



CARING FOR THE FORGOTTEN



Mother Teresa devoted her life to caring for the sick and poor of India.

HOW GOD WANTS US TO TREAT OTHERS.

- ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?
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.**’” Matt 25: 38-40
- ³⁷ “**Do not judge**, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. **Forgive, and you will be forgiven.**” Luke 6: 37
- Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with **compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.**
Colossians 3: 12
- The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are **trustworthy.**
Proverbs 12: 22

HOW DO WE TREAT OUR LOVE ONES?

- Do they know we love them?
- Do we appreciate them?
- Do we take them for granted?
- Do we show them how special they are to us?



THE MEANING OF LOVE- GOD

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1Corinthians 13: 4-7



A SHORT BUT POWERFUL DASH

Alex Scott was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 1. She had a baseball sized tumor removed from her spine, but the cancer had already spread.

At the age of 4, Alex held her first lemonade stand to benefit cancer research. She raised \$2000 that year. The Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation has now raised over \$100 million dollars for cancer research.

Alex died when she was 8.



LES AND SID

- Sid Ortis was a 16 year-old who died from bone cancer a few weeks ago.
- Sid had a positive impact on those who witnessed his battle.
- He was a big LSU fan.
- Les Miles, LSU head football coach, found out about Sid and started calling him.
- Les invited Sid to a game this fall.
- During Sid's last few days of life, Les called Sid and prayed with him and shared some thoughts with him concerning the impact of Sid's life.



LES' WORDS TO SID SID'S FINAL PRAYER

- Miles, who previously told Sid ""Life is not how long you live, but how well you live it," told the teen today, "When you get to Heaven, save a spot for me."
- This was Sid's prayer for his friends: "Dear Lord, thank you for everything you've given me and these wonderful friends who have been there with me through the fight. And let them all live prosperous lives once I'm gone, and let everybody stay on the path of righteousness and not get away from You. Amen."

OUR DASH

Each of us has been given our own dash.

How are we going to fill it?