

Life Notes

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The Dash

Cemetery - Entire lives are now reduced to two dates and one little dash

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What did he live for?

Whom did he love?

What were his passions and dreams?

What were his biggest mistakes and greatest regrets?

Psalm 39:4-5 (NL)

"LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—fleeting my life is. You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand. My entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath."

No Regrets!

Excuses!!!!

Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anyone else expects of you.

Never **excuse** yourself.

~Henry Ward

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He that is good for making **excuses** is seldom good for anything else.

~Benjamin Franklin

Philippians 3:12-14 (NIV)

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Three principles can be seen in the life of Christ.

He lived passionately, He loved completely and He left boldly.

Matthew 4:1-11 (NL)

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.' Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

Many people are what you might call "directionally challenged." They don't know where they're going! They haven't a goal! They just wander thru life expecting that everything will turn out all right.

Proverbs 7:6-27 (NIV)

Proverbs 7:1-5 (NIV)

"My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," and call understanding your kinsman; they will keep you from the adulteress, from the wayward wife with her seductive words."

You may have to ask for directions!

Psalms 119:105 (NKJ)

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Haggai 1:5-6 (NIV)

"Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways."

John 3:16 (NIV)

*"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."*

Totally Depend Upon - *LEAN*

Death is more universal than life; everyone dies but not everyone lives.

30 Days / No Regrets

Live Passionately!