

It's A Wonderful Life

Job 1:14-19 and a messenger came to Job and said, **"The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, when the Sabeans raided them and took them away— indeed they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"** While he was still speaking, another also came and said, **"The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"** While he was still speaking, another also came and said, **"The Chaldeans formed three bands, raided the camels and took them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"** While he was still speaking, another also came and said, **"Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"**

I. I Wish I Were Never Born

Job 3:1 After this Job opened his mouth and **cursed the day of his birth.**

Job 3:11 **"Why did I not die at birth? Why did I not perish when I came from the womb?"**

Job 10:18-19 **'Why then have You brought me out of the womb? Oh, that I had perished and no eye had seen me! I would have been as though I had not been. I would have been carried from the womb to the grave.**

Romans 14:7 **For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.**

II. The Family You Have And Love

Job 29:5 When the Almighty was yet with me, **When my children were around me;**

Job 42:13-16 **He also had seven sons and three daughters. And he called the name of the first Jemimah, the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-Happuch. In all the land were found no women so beautiful as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children and grandchildren for four generations.**

Ecclesiastes 9:9 **Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that is your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun.**

III. The People Whose Lives You Have Touched And Blessed Physically

Matthew 5:13-16 **"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Job 29:12-16 Because I delivered the poor who cried out, The fatherless and the one who had no helper. The blessing of a perishing man came upon me, And I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; My justice was like a robe and a turban. I was eyes to the blind, And I was feet to the lame. I was a father to the poor, And I searched out the case that I did not know.

Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

IV. The People Whose Lives You Have Touched And Blessed Spiritually

Job 1:5 So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did regularly.

Job 29:21 "Men listened to me and waited, And kept silence for my counsel.

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise.

James 5:19-20 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

Mark 4:30-32 Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."

Matthew 13:33 Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

V. When You Bless Others, It Will Come Back To You

Ecclesiastes 11:1-2 Cast your bread upon the waters, For you will find it after many days. Give a serving to seven, and also to eight, For you do not know what evil will be on the earth.

Proverbs 19:17 He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, And He will pay back what he has given.

Proverbs 11:25 The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.

Job 42:11 Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been his acquaintances before, came to him and ate food with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversity that the Lord had brought upon him. Each one gave him a piece of silver and each a ring of gold.