

Thought: "Greatness is not found in possessions, power, position, or prestige. It is discovered in goodness, humility, service and character." –Arthur William Ward

"...live a life worthy of the calling you have received." –Ephesians 4:1

"What Will Matter"

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Ready or not, some day it will come to an end.

There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days. All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten will pass to someone else.

Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance. It will not matter what you owned or what you owed.

Your grudges, resentments, frustrations and jealousies will finally disappear. So too, your hopes, ambitions, plans and to do lists will expire.

The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away.

It won't matter where you came from or what side of the tracks you lived on at the end. It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant. Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought but what you built, not what you got but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success but your significance.

What will matter is not what you learned but what you taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage, or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your competence but your character.

What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many feel a lasting loss when you're gone.

What will matter is not your memories but the memories that live in those who loved you.

What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters.

Take My Life

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

“Reach Out and Touch”
(Diana Ross)

Reach out and touch somebody's hand
Make this world a better place if you can
Reach out and touch somebody's hand
Make this world a better place if you can.

Take a little time out of your busy day
To give encouragement
To someone who's lost his way.

Or would I be taking to a stone
If I asked you to share a problem that's not your own
We can change things if we start giving

Why don't you
Reach out and touch somebody's hand
Make this world a better place if you can
Reach out and touch somebody's hand
Make this world a better place if you can.

If you see an old friend on the street
And he's down, remember his shoes could fit your feet.

Try a little kindness you'll see
It's something that comes very naturally
We can change things if we start giving.

Why don't you reach out and touch
Why don't you reach out and touch somebody's hand.

Reach out and touch somebody's hand
Make this world a better place if you can
Reach out and touch somebody's hand
Make this world a better place if you can.

Angels on Golden Wings
(Vicki Lee)
2003 Patriotic Song of the Year

How many people, how many times
Have asked the question why?
Did all those people suffer
And little children died.
No God was there that day
He kept their fear at bay.
While a host of angels on golden wings
Lead their souls away.

He sent angels on golden wings
To carry them to eternity.
Those Americans died heroes
They'll go down in history.
They're leaving behind a legacy
Locked in our heart to stay.
They've all become our angels now
Looking down on us each day.

Reflect a moment you have shared
It'll help to ease your strive.
Feel the pain; let your heart heal,
Move on with your life.
Embrace the courage they showed
On that somber day
Then bless those angels on golden wings
Who lead those souls away.

He sent angels on golden wings
To carry them to eternity.
Those Americans died heroes
They'll go down in history.
They're leaving behind a legacy
Locked in our heart to stay
They've all become our angels now
Looking down on us each day.

They've moved on to a better place
To a mansion on the hill.
Americans grieve their loss.
America always will.

America Will Always Stand
(Randy Travis)

She stands in the face of evil
and will not lose hope or faith
America, the land of freedom
Still the home of the brave.

Chorus

So raise the banner, called Old Glory
Let us join our fellow man
History will tell the story,
America will always stand.

Walking through the fires of danger
There are those who gave their lives
They're the world's greatest heroes,
And we won't forget their sacrifice.

(Chorus):

So raise the banner, called Old Glory
Let us join our fellow man
History will tell the story,
America will always stand.

America is not divided
Our enemies they will be stopped.
'Cause, we the people are united
And still, one nation Under God.

(Chorus):

So raise the banner, called Old Glory
Let us join our fellow man
History will tell the story,
America will always stand.

“Volunteers”

Ooo I want to go
Ooo I want to go
You won't have to push me
I won't need a shove
Ooo I want to go!

I'm the kind that likes to be a volunteer
If God's doing something big
I want to be there.
Nothing's more exciting or rewarding or inviting
Than to join in the ranks
and be one of His volunteers.

Ooo I want to go
Ooo I want to go
You won't have to push me
I won't need a shove
Ooo I want to go!

When I'm singing glory to the God above
When I'm bringing glory to the God I love
When God's work is being done
And heaven's praises being sung
Then I'm the one
Who wants to be His volunteer!