

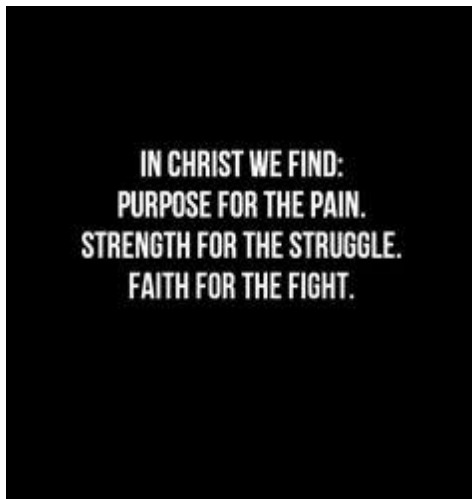


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YOU ARE A MIRACLE WAITING TO HAPPEN

True Happiness & Fulfillment Exist in You. Are You Willing to Accept It?

The Measure of a Man's Life is not the Length of it...it is the Spending of it. There is true happiness, true fulfillment that exists in this life on Earth. It begins with an understanding that God calls to each one of us in a special and unique way. He calls us to an exclusive and distinct path that is designed specifically for each individual soul. That is, EACH one of us.



That calling may entail putting others first, and in today's world, this is not a popular option. In fact, serving others in today's "I & MY World" (think iPhone, iPad, MyYahoo, MyHealth, MyAccount, etc) is clearly counter cultural. Today's Society is openly focused upon and directed to oneself, self-fulfillment and actions that conclude with the orbit of the universe around one's ego. Note: when an individual succeeds in completely centering their lives upon one's navel, they are ALONE.

However, when one puts others first, you can expect that nobody may give you applause, accolades or ovation. However, when you serve others, God sees your sacrifice.

A "Good Man" exists in you. There is a way to unleash that persona. Let us experience a notion on how to be an Earthen Vessel that is filled with God's Spirit. We touch other's lives every day. Why not do it filled with the Holy Spirit?

Let us pay close attention to the Scriptures, Catechism and our presentation.

May God bless us with His Wisdom and His Work and the wherewithal to complete the mission. Amen



Luke 10:30-37

The Good Samaritan.

A scholar of the law wished to justify himself and said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.

He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him.

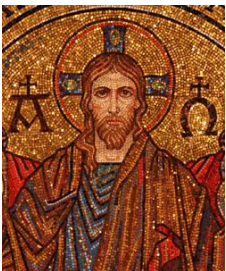
The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.'

Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise.



COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

Serve Christ Firstly



Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment of the inheritance;

Be slaves of the Lord Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Catechism

How to Unleash the Good Man Inside

2447 The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily needs. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.





Presentation: Becoming a Miracle to Other People
Joel Olsteen

The Works of Mercy and Charity:

1. To feed the Hungry.
2. To give drink to the Thirsty.
3. To clothe the Naked.
4. To Shelter the Homeless.
5. To visit the Sick.
6. To visit the Imprisoned.
7. To bury the Dead.



Ask, and you will receive. Seek, and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened.

The Holy Spirit does talk to me, not in words but in promptings that fill my heart and penetrate my entire being. May you find that He is waiting to speak to you...in Love, Peace and Joy. Amen.

Questions to Focus on:

1 What part of the presentation really spoke to you? Explain.

2 Share an example of how you or someone that you know, became a miracle in someone's life.

3 Based on Joel's message, how can you begin to or continue to become less the Priest and Levite, and more the Good Samaritan?

Men's Group Calendar

7/26/2014	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
8/9/2014	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
8/23/2014	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
9/13/2014	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
9/27/2014	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
10/11/2014	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
10/25/2014	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library



A Man who never quits is Never Defeated.
We are ordinary men who labor for Christ.

A Life Well Spent

The Measure of a Man's Life is not the Length of it...
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May God Bless You.
St. Hilary Men's Group

WATCH YOUR **THOUGHTS**,
FOR THEY BECOME **WORDS**.
WATCH YOUR **WORDS**,
FOR THEY BECOME **ACTIONS**.
WATCH YOUR **ACTIONS**,
FOR THEY BECOME **HABITS**.
WATCH YOUR **HABITS**,
FOR THEY BECOME **CHARACTER**.
WATCH YOUR **CHARACTER**,
FOR IT BECOMES YOUR **DESTINY**.



Go to Holy Communion even when you feel lukewarm, leaving everything in God's hands. The more my sickness debilitates me, the more urgently do I need a doctor. Saint Bonaventure

ACTION PLAN

This week I will do my best to be a Miracle for others by:

Creating a daily prayer practice

Seeking God in prayer and being quiet in His presence

Asking God for strength to resist temptation and sin

Paying more attention to Blessing those in my life as God intends

Asking Jesus for help in becoming a better servant

Just here at St. Hilary, alone there are 108 Ministries to help a person come alive in the Lord. Here is an online link to those ministries:
<http://www.sthilarychurch.org/st-hilary-ministries/>



Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to yourself, forgive me, and fill me with every good thing, not withholding even the gift of your most beloved son.

Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your path. Make me worthy of your love, and teach me how to forgive as you forgave. Amen

*Lord, help me to pray not as an exercise of my will,
But a surrender to Yours.
Thank You for Your goodness to me.
Amen.*

