

ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD?

A well-dressed European woman was on a safari in Africa. The group stopped briefly at a hospital for lepers.

The heat was intense, and the flies buzzing. She noticed a nurse bending down in the dirt, tending to the pus-filled sores of a leper.

With disdain, the woman remarked, "Why, I wouldn't do that for all the money in the world!"

The nurse quietly replied, "Neither would I."

The nurse's comment dramatically illustrates an understanding of a God-ordained mission of loving Him and serving others. He has a job for each of us. Those who respond in good stewardship to His call find peace and contentment in their life's work.

What is the focus of our lives? Do we live for ourselves – our comfort, our security, our salvation – or for others?

Micah, the prophet, prompts us with the correct answer: "He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8 RSV).



That demand did not change in all the years separating the Old from the New Testaments. Jesus merely gave it visibility and clarity when He told His followers to feed the hungry, visit the prisoner and clothe the naked. To love God is to love the neighbor.

The eternal question to be asked, here and hereafter, is simply, "How are the neighbors doing?" Their welfare must be of genuine concern to us because it is to God.

The associates of Life Care and Century Park understand the question – and the answer. They know every day "how the neighbors are doing," and they respond with love and professional skills to meet their needs.

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