

Christmas Opportunities

Christmas gives us opportunities to do things for people we might otherwise neglect, and we must take advantage of each opportunity.

As long as we're on earth, God has work for us to do. When He's finished with us here, He will take us home.

A preacher in the 17th century, Thomas Fuller, said, "God's children are immortal while their Father hath anything for them to do on earth."

Missionary David Livingstone said similarly, "Men are immortal until their work is done."

The British preacher Charles Spurgeon said, "Whatever occurs around us, we need not be alarmed. We are immortal until our work is done. And amidst infection or contagious diseases, if we are called to go there, we may sit as easily as though in balmy air. It is not ours to preserve our life by neglecting our duty. It is better to die in service than live in idleness – better to glorify God and depart, than rot above ground in neglecting what He would have us to do. Unto God belong the issues from death. We may, therefore, go without temerity into any danger where duty calls us."

There is a child, a bag lady, a prisoner, a soldier, an associate, a resident, a family member of a resident, or someone you know at church whom God wants you to touch this Christmas season.

Make the most of every opportunity. Paul, the apostle, advises it:

Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days (Ephesians 5:15 NLT).

– Beecher Hunter

