

Riding for the Son

In 1969, after deciding that he was “tired of preaching to nice people,” the Reverend Stan F. George retired from the pulpit. He decided to reach out and share the gospel with bikers and hippies, the kind of people who never went to church.

For most of his working life, George was a proper Presbyterian minister in Southern California. But his decision propelled him – beginning at age 82 – to crisscross North America on a motorcycle, taking trips that lasted more than three months and displaying a vitality that put hard-core bikers far younger to shame.

Over the next 18 years after departing from the pulpit, he motorcycled more than 250,000 miles for the Lord.

During that time, he built a national Christian Motorcyclists Association that had 15,000 members. As George traveled by motorcycle, he used a number of techniques to draw interest to his message, including magic tricks, jokes and tales of his odd adventures. He was committed to doing whatever it took so that his listeners would never be bored. The group’s motto, emblazoned on George’s belt buckle, was *Riding for the Son*.



Along the way, George collected more than 16,200 individual donations ranging from a few dollars to a high of \$25,000, with the money going to the Heifer Project or Habitat for Humanity. He contributed more than \$300,000 of his own money to those causes.

“There’s nothing more important to me than helping the needy,” he said. “We Christians must not separate our works from our faith.”

Is there something you believe God is asking you to do? Don’t let your age, your social standing, your race or your “limitations” stand in your way.

Find a method for accomplishing your goals that you enjoy doing, and which allows you to pursue your “goal for God.”

For many in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, that career calling has been answered, bringing peace, joy and contentment by being in the will of God. But perhaps there is something on the personal side – in your family, your church or your community – that He has for you to do.

– Beecher Hunter