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Accidental Selfishness

By Erin E. Short -- (Age 15)

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

- Aesop

To be perfectly honest, I had no idea what to write about this week. I -- as usual -- got very distracted, and ventured my way into YouTube, where I found possibly the most inspirational video I've ever seen.

It was a compilation of short videos of random strangers doing acts of kindness for others. It was then that I knew what I was going to write about.

Not kindness, though. *Selfishness*.

Luke 6:35 says, "But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back." This got me thinking:

Just how everyone says, "Love is a choice," so is selfishness. You can't just *accidentally* choose to keep something to yourself, instead of sharing. Or throwing someone else under the bus to save your own face.

Those aren't accidents. They're choices. And we need to stop making them.

Proverbs 11:17 says, "Those who are kind benefit themselves, but the cruel bring ruin on themselves." The Bible tells us -- quite explicitly -- to be kind to others. So, I'm just going to be brutally simple here:

Be kind to someone. Today. Right now. Go.

The world is waiting.

(Scripture taken from the NIV translation.)

You Can't Serve Both

By Sarah G. Schumacher -- (Age 18)

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

- Matthew 6:24

Trying to please two people who want different things often ends in disaster. The Bible tells us it is actually *impossible*. We will *always* love one more, and trying to balance them will drain us.

James 4:4 says, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

God and the world are against each other and there is no way we can ever please both! When we choose the world, we always are against God, and vice versa. And every decision we make is always for God or against Him.

In Joshua 24:15, "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

At the end of the day, we all must choose. Who will we serve? Whose opinion will we let dictate our lives? Will it be our human audience? Or our Creator who gave us life?

We must remember that every choice we make shows who our loyalty is to.

(All Scripture is taken from the KJV Bible version.)

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