

Positively Speaking

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Forget Yourself into Greatness

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

"Who is my neighbor?"

"Anybody in need."

"How do I love my neighbor?"

"With actions that help."

"What keeps me from loving my neighbor?"

"Selfishness."

"How can I stop being so selfish?"

"Forget yourself into greatness."

Consider these words from William Arthur Ward of Texas Wesleyan University:

If you are wise, you will forget yourself into greatness.

Forget your rights, but remember your responsibilities.

Forget your inconveniences, but remember your blessings.

Forget your own accomplishments, but remember your obligations.

Follow the examples of Florence Nightingale, of Albert Schweitzer, of Abraham Lincoln, of Tom Dooley, and forget yourself into greatness.

If you are wise, you will empty yourself into adventure.

Remember the words of General Douglass McArthur:

"There is no security on this earth. There is only opportunity."

Empty your days of the search for security; fill them with a passion for service.

Empty your hours of the ambition for recognition; fill them with the aspiration for achievement.

Empty your moments of the need for entertainment; fill them with the quest for creativity.

If you are wise, you will forget yourself into greatness.

As we forget ourselves into greatness, our hearts are filled with love. Selfishness is defeated when we invest our lives in others. It is in giving that we receive.

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