

Christmas At The Movies
How To Experience A Meaning-filled Life

1. An empty life is the _____

Mark 8:34-35 *Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.*

Philippians 2:3-4 *Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.*

2. Our purpose in life _____

Mark 10:43-45 *Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

Philippians 2:5-8 *You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.*

- Do I serve if I _____?
- Do I serve when _____?
- Am I serving _____?
- Do I consider _____?

3. _____

Romans 12:21 *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

1 John 4:19 *We love each other because he loved us first.*

Signs of potential selfishness

Think about how you are at home and at work
Think about what those closest to you would say about you

- ___ My needs and wants come first
- ___ It's my way or the highway
- ___ People are a means to an end
- ___ Everything is about you
- ___ Your greatest anger toward God comes when He doesn't do what you want
- ___ You don't keep your promises
- ___ You hold grudges
- ___ You don't notice suffering
- ___ You give little
- ___ You serve little
- ___ You haven't apologized in a while

Would my spouse, boyfriend/girlfriend, boss, child(ren), agree with all my answers?

- 1 – Never
- 2 – Sometimes
- 3 – Often
- 4 – Always

Serving Options At The Holidays

- *Bring a small gift to a sick child in the hospital
- *Bring treats and go caroling at a nursing home
- *Volunteer for a charity you care about
- *Buy a toy for a needy family
- *Volunteer to help on a sports team or in a classroom

Who is hurting around you right now?

Who is lonely right now?

Who is struggling right now?