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1. I would try to do more things that would outlive myself.



Erma Bombeck
1927-1996

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A 30-year-old man who was dying of leukemia:

“I really don’t think people are afraid of death. What they’re afraid of is the incompleteness of their life.”



The incredible PROMISES made to the trusting servant of Christ

“My Father will honor the one who serves me.” (John 12:26b)

“Your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:58b)

“God...will not forget your work.”
(Hebrews 6:10a)



"It's a Wonderful Life"
1947

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2 Timothy 4:6-8

“The time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now **there is in store for me** the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”



Acts 4:13

“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, **ordinary men**, they were astonished, and they took note that **these men had been with Jesus.**”



1 Corinthians 15:8

“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, **stand firm**. Let nothing move you. Always **give yourselves** fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”



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Don't Waste Your Life, John Piper

“God created us to live with a single passion: to joyfully display his supreme excellence in all spheres of life. The **wasted life** is the life without this passion. God calls us to pray and think and dream and plan and work, not [for us] to be made much of, but to make much of him in every part of our lives.”

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- They will eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.
- They will not be hurt at all by the second death.
- They will be given some of the hidden manna, and a white stone with a new name on it.
- They will have authority over the nations.



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- They will walk with Jesus, dressed in white, for they are worthy.
- They will have their names written in the book of life, never to be blotted out.
- They will have their names acknowledged before the Father and his angels.
- They will be made a pillar in the temple of God, from which God will never again depart.



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- They will have written on them the name of God and the name of the city of God.
- They will sit with Christ on His throne!



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Mr. Frodo

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Pippin, Merry, Frodo, and Sam

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