

To Live for Others

The genius Albert Einstein once said "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." Oh how true his statement is. All throughout the world there are people that live life only for themselves and find that they are unhappy. They have everything that they could ever want but they still feel that something is missing. Unfortunately, some of those people spend their entire life searching for that missing key, just to never unearth it. On the other hand, there are many people that do recognize where true happiness comes from: helping others.

To have a unified community there needs to be a common concern for each other. The people residing in a community need to respect each other but also care for those that are involved in the same community as them. Together a community can accomplish great things. They can live better lifestyles, get along better, and can teach their children by examples. When a death occurs to a neighbor's husband, service takes place in a united community. People will come to visit the widow, mow her lawn, help clean her house, bring her meals, and other acts of service. By doing this that widow feels loved. She realizes that even though life has thrown a curve ball at her, she has people around that are there to help lift her through this difficult trial. In her time of darkness she had the light of service shown upon her and she is able to remember all the good things in life and also is reminded of that fact that she is worth while. Although life may sometimes feel unbearable without her spouse, she can see that there are so many people around that would also be broken hearted if she was to exit out of their lives through a casket. If that

community's foundation hadn't been service that widow might have gone into such deep depression that she would have died a slow, miserable, and lonely death.

Service in a community not only unites the people that are within the community, but it also helps its members to build character. When serving others one loses themselves in the work that they are doing. They are assisting those that are in need and are learning wonderful lessons by doing so. By serving others, one befriends others. One will find themselves slipping on a different pair of shoes in order to see what other people's lives are like. Their eyes are opened to all the tribulations that people go through and overcome. This helps people to understand that there is always someone they can help, see that they can get through the difficult times that inevitably sneak up on people, and commit to themselves to help anyone that they can to help lighten their loads. From all those lessons taught, people are molded into a selfless, considerate people that can and will make a difference in others lives.

Another important reason that service is what a successful community survives on, is that it helps spread service throughout generations. As children come into homes, the parents are expected to teach their children how to live a happy life. They teach them manners, rules, math, service and much more. The key thing that is taught is how to give service and the importance of being actively involved in service to others. As they teach their children of service not only through telling them fairy tales about service, but teach them "hands on" the children will make service a part of their life style. However, it doesn't end when their last breath is drawn. Service will continue on through the hands

and hearts of their posterity, friends, or those that they have touched through acts of service and by doing so have taught the need of service.

Service is something that makes this world something special. By little acts of service that are heard of, people can be reminded that there is still some good in this chaotic world. If only more communities were able to push the importance of service so that people would make it part of their daily agendas. One can only imagine how perfect that world would be if there was love, caring, and service constantly being breathed in the air.