



**Helping Others**

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Our world is based around becoming the biggest, the best, and the most famous. Probably no-one would say that they dream of becoming a servant as a career!

However, the Bible teaches that all of us have unique gifts and talents, which is pretty revolutionary in a society that is constantly running talent shows on TV to find those who have talent and mock those who don't.

What's even more revolutionary is that the Bible says that the best way to use these gifts and talents is by using them to serve others. Peter, who was one of Jesus' close friends, wrote that people should use whatever gift they have to serve and benefit the lives of others. That could mean singing, it could mean cleaning up someone

else's mess, it could mean listening to people's problems, or it could mean giving advice to people in need.

Whatever your gift or talent is, don't use it just to build yourself up. Put that gift to use by serving others and make their lives better.

**Can you think of any people who have used their talents to help you?**

Teachers are a great example of people who use their talents to help others. Imagine being taught Spanish by someone who couldn't speak it! It just wouldn't work.



**The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe.**

Sacrifice is a major theme, if not the major theme, of C.S. Lewis' Narnia series. It is the essence of giving up one's self for the sake of another, a gift that usually is a saving gift, that kind of sacrifice is the theme most prominent in The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

In The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe the main occurrence of sacrifice comes from the lion Aslan. In the story, Aslan pays the debt owed to the White Witch instead of Edmund, making up for his mistakes. Edmund was spared a horrible death at the hands of the White Witch. Aslan, who did nothing wrong, was humiliated, tortured and killed because of Edmund's betrayal. Aslan loved Edmund so much that he took Edmund's place and paid the debt.

"A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act."

*Mahatma Gandhi*

"Great achievement is usually born of great sacrifice, and is never the result of selfishness."

*Napoleon Hill*

