

Making a Complimentary Life Precious Worthwhile life

What if you were given the chance to live your life longer than allowed?

God gave him 15 more years but he did not make a good use of it. He boasted and lived a selfish life.

It is more important to live in a meaningful way rather than to just enjoy a longer life. John Beekman understood this.

He had a heart disease that made his blood run the opposite way and would eventually stop his heart. He needed a surgery and the success rate was 50%.

But God had a different plan for him. God called him to serve as a coordinator for the Bible translation ministries all over the world.

Thankfully his surgery went well and he began to consider how he could live a more meaningful life. He thought he would rather go back to the Chol nation to teach their children the Bible



Let's read the Bible

2Kings 11:9-21
 2Kings (14:25-29) 17:5-18
 2Kings 20:12-19

We consider together

What would you like to do for your children when you become a parent?



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Do you know what the word 'complimentary' means? It is a bonus you get when you do not expect it. A boy named Steven went to the toy shop to buy a toy he had really wanted. The toy shop owner often looked favourably upon Steve. Steve was a well-mannered, good-natured boy. The store owner saw Steve come into the shop to buy a toy that day, and thought, "Steve is so well-mannered and good; I should give him a present today." Steve picked the toy he wanted and came to the register. "Hello Mister. Isn't the weather nice today?" "Yes it is! Steve, are you going to buy this toy today?" "Yes, it was something I really wanted." "Is that so? You must be happy to have gotten what you really wanted." "Yes. I am going to tell my parents that I am very thankful."

The store owner was charmed by Steve as he listened to him talk. He said, "Steve, since you have always been so polite and good, I will give you this toy as a present today; take this as well." The store owner placed another wonderful toy robot on top of the toy Steve had picked. Steve smiled wide, overjoyed at the unexpected gift.

King Hezekiah had a serious illness. It was a sickness so grave, he was not expected to live much longer. But by God's grace, the king got better, and was granted a second life. He got a 'complimentary' extension to his life. King Hezekiah was probably full of joy! But, we must remember that how long we live is not the most important. Rather, we have to focus on how worthwhile we make our lives. Unfortunately, if you continue reading the Bible, you will learn that King Hezekiah did not make good use of his second chance at life.

There was once a missionary who was once mistaken as a terrorist. He made ticking sounds while breathing because of the artificial valve in his heart. People thought the ticking sound was a time bomb. John Beekman's doctor had told him that he had an illness (Aortic Valve Regurgitation and Stenosis) that made his blood vessels narrow and also made his blood run the opposite direction. If

the illness became any worse, not only would his blood run the opposite direction, but later on his heart could stop and he could find himself in a life-threatening situation. He needed to get heart surgery as fast as possible, but the surgery only had a fifty-fifty chance of succeeding. Thankfully, his surgery was a great success, and the missionary's life was prolonged (made longer). This is when the missionary began to wonder how he could live a life of value. John had a plan to teach the New Testament to preacher boys from all over the Ch'ol area, and through this to help translate new Ch'ol languages being found. (p. 169, Peril by Choice) God was pleased with his choice, and used John for an even bigger purpose than he had ever dreamt possible. The Board of Directors for SIL (Summer Institute of Linguistics) gave him the title of translation coordinator for all Bible translators around the world.

One of the directors told John this. "You are the man best prepared for this job. You have lived in a tribe and helped prepare an approved translation. You have had administration experience in Guatemala. And, most importantly, you have already developed a proven workshop program that helps translators do faster and better work. Now and in the years ahead, hundreds of translators from tribes in many countries will need the type of guidance that you have given the Mexico translators at Mitla."

John and his wife Elaine knew that this decision was a result of much thought and prayer. The board of directors knew that John would, for the rest of life, place his best efforts into valuable work, and this is why they had picked him. "If God can use me to help translators deliver His Word to unreached tribes faster, then I want to serve," John said. (p. 203, Peril by Choice) For the rest of his life, John was able to live a life of great value.

Children of God, our lives hold much worth! We can make it the most valuable and splendid life in the hands of God.