

## Life Spent Well

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I find it ironic that a few days after my dad's passing, I read in scripture the Matthean parable about the five who had extra oil for their lamps and the five who were not prepared. Why I read this passage today, I'm not sure. But it definitely was a sobering reminder of both the brevity of life and the importance of being prepared for when I'm called away from this foreign land.

Dad was such an example of someone who used his 57 years wisely and he invested his life into so many wonderful individuals. What made my father so unique was that upon meeting others, he genuinely wanted to get to know them, to understand their passions and desires, and perhaps be of assistance to them in some way.

It was his love for people that gave him purpose. He spent a good part of his life in the corporate sector, and ventured into several interesting projects. Not having much financial resources as a child, he always wanted to give his family what he never had. Still, financial wealth was not his ultimate desire. For him, money was to be used and invested wisely but never an end goal; instead, it was people. He genuinely cared for others, wanting nothing more than to get to know them or somehow care for them. I loved my father for his unselfish heart.

The passage of being prepared is a sobering reminder of the time I may have left on this earth. No longer do I perceive myself as being "young" any more. Age is not a deciding factor because ultimately our Lord knows the day and time we will leave this place. With that, I must revisit what it means to use my life wisely.