

Just Because Moments

*“withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.”
~ Proverbs 3:27*

Have you ever had a “**Just Because**” moment?

One of the best ways to encourage and motivate others involves being a blessing to them. This reminded me of several years ago, Trista Files involved the young girls she was teaching to do a Valentine project for the widows of our church. This taught them in thinking of others. Even though it was Valentine’s Day our ladies weren’t expecting this gracious gift of love. This impression has stayed with me because they did it “**Just because.**”

My former mother-in-law was such a wonderful lady and I remember getting a phone call from her when she had received a little gift I had sent to her, when she ask what it was for since it wasn’t her birthday or any other special day, I told her “**Just Because**”. “**Just because**” she was special and “**Just Because**” I loved her. So it became special between us when we do “little things” for each other. When I received something from her it was always better than any birthday or holiday gift I could receive, because I knew it was given with thought and love, not out of “obligation or duty”. So , when someone drops off that bag of green beans, squash or fresh tomatoes from the garden or fresh baked bread, cake or pie from the oven or some other thoughtful gesture, these are “**Just Because**” moments we should be thankful for.”

I know I have been the recipient of many wonderful “**Just Because**” moments and they were abundant blessing given to me straight from the Lord by way of a good friend or sometimes from people I didn’t know very well. It’s amazing how the Lord knows just when we need a “**Just Because**” moment to lift our spirits and motivate us in some way.

Being a blessing doesn’t even necessarily have to cost anything. Just spending time with someone can be a wonderful “**Just Because**” moment. Little things can mean so much to people. Praying for someone and letting them know you did can bless someone’s heart. Sometimes just an encouraging work or even a “hello” and a listening ear is all it takes to bless someone in a significant way. We don’t always know what’s happening internally in someone’s life and when we put out the effort to be a blessing and they are at a point where they really need some encouragement, it can make a difference in their lives as well as yours.

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I think sometimes we get so busy going about just doing that we forget the importance of doing for others. We forget the importance that people are what really count in this life. Being a blessing to other people is such a wonderful way to show the love of God flowing through us.

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If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, If any fellowship of the spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye my joy that he be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own

things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 2:1-5.

Conclusion: We ought to get hold of making “**Just Because**” moments happen for other people. If we can be a blessing to others we need to be one. I know it’s easy to get caught up in our own lives that we sometimes forget those around us who need encouragement. I hope to get a better handle on this and that the Lord will use me to make “**Just Because**” moments happen for others. To become aware of other people’s feelings and need for that lift of encouragement that we all desire from time to time. I know I’m in need of that encouragement often.

In God’s eyes why you do something is far more important than what you do.
So let’s make a “**Just Because**” moment happen for someone this week.

Prayer: Lord help me to see the “**just because**” moments in my life and appreciate them. Show me someone this week that I can be apart of their “**just because**” moment. Teach me to see people like you see them and to love them like you love them. In your precious name I pray, Amen!

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