

“It’s A Wonderful Christian Life”

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Introduction:

- A. *It’s A Wonderful Life* was produced and directed by _____.
- B. It became the Christmas movie classic it is today only because of its repeated _____ showings at Christmas-time in the 1970s.
- C. It placed number _____ by the American Film Institute on their list of the most _____ American films of all time.

Story:

- A. *It’s A Wonderful Life* tracks the fortunes (or misfortunes) of _____, the unsung, beloved hero of Bedford Falls.
- B. Despite knowing that he had been forced into a job that he never wished to pursue, George is hard _____ and _____-hearted.
- C. Noble as his decisions seem, George becomes increasingly _____, hardened, and _____.
- D. This resentment turns to desperation when George’s absent-minded and eccentric _____ misplaces \$ _____ leaving the company in a hopeless situation.
- E. Convinced that he worth “more _____ than _____,” George eyes the water below the bridge and contemplates _____.
- F. Clarence the guardian angel says, “You’ve been given a great gift, George, a chance to see what the world would be like _____.”
- G. Clarence reminds George, “One man’s life _____ so many others, when he’s not there, it leaves an awfully big _____.”
- H. In the end, Clarence declares, “You see, George, you’ve really had a wonderful life. Don’t you see what a mistake it would be to just _____ it _____?”
- I. Harry, George’s brother, raises a glass in toast: “To my big brother, George, the _____ man in town.”
- J. George opens the book as he sees a hand written note from Clarence that says, “Dear George, Remember no man is a failure who has _____.”

Application:

- A. I want us to focus on the _____ we can make by _____ a wonderful Christian life.
- B. We learn that even small acts of _____ and _____ can have great meaning.
- C. It shows that the true _____ of our lives has nothing to do with power, position or possessions, but how we _____ our lives on a day-to-day basis.

Answer Key: Intro.: A. Frank, Capra. B. television. C. one, inspirational. Story: A. George, Bailey. B. working, generous. C. embittered, angry. D. uncle, 8000. E. dead, alive, jumping. F. without, you. G. touches, hole. H. throw, away. I. richest. J. friends. Appl: A. difference, living. B. kindness, generosity. C. impact, live.