

A life well lived

"...whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will save it."
Luke 9.24

The happiest people in the world are those who are living out their dreams. If you want to know real happiness, get a dream that's bigger than you, then lose yourself in it! Go ahead, try it - it'll give you the strength and motivation to rise above the problems you're facing. Isn't there something better than just settling for average? Average doesn't look so good when you realise that it's just the worst of the best and the best of the worst. Talk to people and you'll discover that their number one problem is they've lost their dreams, their goals and their purpose.

Joel says: "your old men shall dream dreams." (Joel 2.28) Look at the great men and women who continued to pursue their dreams into old age. Moses was 80 when he started to lead Israel out of captivity. Colonel Sanders was 70 when he discovered Kentucky Fried Chicken, and he donated much of his profits to the work of God. And how about John Wesley, who was still travelling on horseback and preaching at 88? When he turned 90, he complained that he could preach only twice a day and had an inclination to sleep in until five in the morning. Paul says, "But life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus....." (Acts 20.24) So - lose yourself in the will of God, and you will find your dearest dream.

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Greenbelt

The Archbishop of Canterbury and patron of Greenbelt,
the Most Rev Dr Rowan Williams, will be speaking at the 2004 Greenbelt Festival,
which is to be held at the Cheltenham Race Course on 27th - 30th August.

Other speakers will include:

Dame Anita Roddick, authors the Rev G P Taylor, Rob Newman and Catherine Fox, Radio 4 'Thought for the Day' favourite John Bell, black theologian and broadcaster Robert Beckford and American radicals Shane Clairborne and Ched Myers.

The theme for this year's festival is 'Freedom Bound'. The word 'bound', the organisers say, is meant to imply a journey to the kingdom that one has not quite reached yet, as well as taking on a political slant by identifying with those whose freedoms are bound.

Tickets from www.greenbelt.org.uk.

The evening of a well-spent life brings its lamps with it.

Joseph Joubert