

Lee Davis – a few ideas to his kids on sharing

"I have just got to get something down in writing to each of you that, to be honest, has been bugging me for some time now.

It's the subject of sharing, regular sharing, with others less happy, less healthy, less blessed with the kind of material wealth we have so much of.

Why is it bugging me? Because I don't feel that I have done a particularly good job of teaching you the joy (yes, joy) of giving some of your time, some of your money, to help others.

One of the basic truths Jesus taught was the blessedness of giving. For us to feel whole, to feel needed and useful, we must help others. Nothing, as life moves on, limits our happiness and creates more emptiness in our lives than the absence of some kind of regular giving activity, whether it is in visiting a lonely older person, guiding a handicapped child, helping at a church activity to aid the hungry and poor, giving part of our earnings to the work of Christ through the church, or whatever. There are hundreds of ways we can share and help and love that take us out of ourselves into a caring involvement with others.

You will never really wonder if you have done anything worth while as the years pass if you can remember the importance of giving, and act on it. You'll receive a kind of peace and joy that no one else can exactly describe to you. But it is a precious joy, everlasting, and I want you to have it.

I love you."