



How to Live a Life of Significance

When Victor Serebriakoff was fifteen, his teacher told him he would never finish school and should just learn a trade instead. Victor took the advice, dropped out and spent the next seventeen years working a variety of odd jobs. But at 32 years old Victor experienced an amazing transformation. An evaluation revealed that he was actually a genius with an IQ of 161! Since that time, Victor has gone on to write books, secure a number of patents and become a successful businessman. Perhaps the most significant event for the former dropout was his election as chairman of the International Mensa Society – which has only one membership qualification – an IQ of 140. *(Illustration adapted from Stuart Blount)*



Many people want to accomplish something “significant” with their lives, but feel that only big things count. However, Matthew 6:4 suggests that God appreciates and openly rewards things that may go unnoticed by others... especially in the area of generosity.

Did you know retirement plans such as 401(k)s and other qualified plans, provide a very simple *and wise* way to make a future charitable gift? In fact, they’ve even been referred to as “the most significant” category of all giving tools! Retirement assets have earned this reputation because leaving them to a loved one in your Will can carry heavy tax implications, but donating them to a ministry you care about like Rockford Rescue Mission, can provide “significant” tax benefits, while impacting lives for eternity.

Here’s what we mean:

Retirement assets given to a loved one in your Will are subject to income and Estate taxes, which typically end up leaving just 30 cents on the dollar! But designating these funds to a non-profit like Rockford Rescue Mission eliminates taxation and assures 100% of the gift goes toward furthering Kingdom work. This means you’re able to leave a God-honoring legacy of “significance,” while still blessing your loved ones with other assets that make greater financial sense.

It would have been easy for Victor to spend the rest of his life believing he had little to offer, while completely missing the magnitude of what was already at his disposal. Is the same true of you? Consider donating your retirement assets and leave a significant impact for generations to come!

PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING ROCKFORD RESCUE MISSION IN YOUR WILL

- I would like information on leaving a significant eternal impact through donating retirement assets.
- I have already included Rockford Rescue Mission in my Will, Trust, or Estate Plan.

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