

"What Will Matter"

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"Ready or not, someday it will come to an end.

There will be no more surprises, no minutes, hours or days.

All things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will

pass to someone else.

Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance.

Your grudges, resentments, frustrations and jealousies will finally disappear.



So too your hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists will expire

The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away

It won't matter where you came from, or on what side of the tracks you lived, at the end.

It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant. Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.



So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built; not what you got, but how you gave.

What will matter is not your success, but your significance.
What will matter is not what you learned, but
but what you taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example



What will matter is not your competence, but your character.
What will matter is not how many people you knew, but
how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.
What will matter are not your memories, but the
memories that live in those who loved you.
What will matter is how long you will be remembered,
by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.

It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters."