

Secular Pulpit 24/7

Getting Started — Pass It On!

My granddaughter, Autumn, gave me a gift at Christmas last year called Pass It On. She was going to do gifts of kindness every month in my name, document them and send it to me. I was so touched by the gift so the decision was made that I would reciprocate and do the same thing for her. That's when I realized that there was a separate spiritual presence and secular presence about me when I was in the world. I could really see this when I was in the grocery store where I'm one focused human being and I don't see other people because I'm there to buy groceries. So how could I maintain a spiritual presence and people would know where I was coming from 24/7?



I started praying before I went to the grocery store, started asking to have a spiritual presence with people. That's when I came up with the idea of passing out the recipe that kids would love to mothers that God would put in my way. On one side is "Kid's Love It" recipes and on the other is one of Autumn's stories of how she had shown random acts of kindness in Chicago that were sent to me on a monthly basis. An interesting thing happened with this: as I would share this with other people, before the year was up we had about thirty people doing this with us. Pass It On, random acts of kindness.

Then one day, one of my associates who worked for me called and she wanted to share with me that she was depressed and having a really bad day and had gone outside her complex to the parking area to run an errand when an older man with a walker had gotten in her way. At first she looked at him as some of us do like he was slowing her down, but then she remembered Pass It On and realized that he was in a dilemma. She asked how she could help and he explained that he needed to leave his walker in a parking space so he could move his car into the space, but she realized he didn't need to walking without his walker so she got his car for him and moved it around. She calls to tell me about it and said that she felt like a million dollars. When it was said and done, the fact that she stopped to do a small act of kindness just exhilarated her. Bad mood and depression was gone! And I said, "You're getting hooked on inconvenience! Pray - Oh God, inconvenience me because it makes me feel so good."

If you have the right attitude, the inconveniences that God puts in front of you will exhilarate you and it's the detour that makes you feel so good. There is no service too small for God or mankind, it all matters. From recipes given away at the grocery store to helping old folks with their cars in the parking lot.

Where will you find your pulpit is in the secular world so your spiritual presence can be felt and they'll know where you're coming from 24/7?

Just Pray and See What God Shall Reveal.

He Will!