

A cosmic background featuring a vibrant blue and purple galaxy, several bright stars, and a large reddish-brown planet (Mars) on the right side. The text is overlaid on this scene.

MOTIVATIONAL SERIES: GUEST LISTS OF LIFE

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Discovering the Importance of Life's Guest List in Our Lives

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- "Don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see"
- In her book "God's Guest List," Debbie Macomber says that our lives are often mysteriously directed by us being placed on the guest list of others, but also others being placed on our guest lists. Regardless of which way this occurs, it becomes an opportunity for us to influence, or to be influenced.
- We are placed in unique situations for the purpose of letting our lights shine among those we come into contact with. There are still other times when people mysteriously are brought into our lives to let their lights shine before us.
- Ever been placed in a situation at a given time when you had an opportunity to let your light shine before one who at the time was in desperate need?
- Look for those opportunities, and when they come, be prepared to let your light shine!



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- There will be many times in life where people will be sent your way. They are like presents or gifts, but so often we fail to open those gifts, and they have to be returned.
- Are you taking advantage of those opportunities to influence when others are placed on your guest lists, or to be influenced when you are placed on the guest list of others?
- Andrew Carnegie once said, “Giving is the highest manifestation of one’s calling, and that no man can become rich unless he first enriches the lives of others.”
- Zig Ziglar once said, “Win, win means if you win I win too.”
- Arthur Ashe once said, “From what you get you can make a living, but it’s what you give that makes a life.”



The Power of Our Influence

- Everyday our life can influence those we come into contact with either positively or negatively.
- Can you recall a time(s) in your life when a person(s) unexpectedly showed up in your life for a reason, a time when you had been placed on the guest list of another?
- Who has been the most influential person in your life?
- Each of us are blessed with talents, but who more than anyone else has contributed to your success, placed on your guest list at a point in time that really made all the difference in the ultimate outcome?



For a Season

- On occasions, people are sent into your life for a Season, but be assured that it was for a reason.
- Can you recall a time in your life when a person unexpectedly showed up in your life for a reason, a time when you had been placed on the guest list of another?
- Then there are those “Prickly” people, people who are easily offended, at times difficult to get along with who are sent into our lives for a reason, often for a season.
- Ever had to deal with prickly people?
- Sometimes the prickly person’s gift is just a challenge to help make us stronger. They are sandpaper people sent our way to:
 - Make us smoother
 - To sand off some of the rough places in our lives
 - To help us develop patience.