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What are you doing for others? ". ~ Martin Luther King Jr.**

In this modern world, it is increasingly easy to think that life is about us and consequently we are disappointed by reality. Every human needs a purpose, hope and wants happiness. Martin Luther King Jr. was one of the most important and influential characters in the black rights movement. He once said: "Life's most important and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?" I believe he was trying to imply by this that our purpose in life should not be to live for ourselves, but for other people.

Everybody on Earth needs a purpose. For Christians, this is, or should be, our faith in God. For others, it can be a multitude of other causes and things, such as helping starving children, fighting for human rights, or even climate change. For Martin Luther King Jr., his purpose was to help other people, which we can see most strongly in his black rights activism.

We need hope. Throughout history, those who have had hope have been the most successful societies and communities. This principle works for individuals as well, of course. Despite all the persecution of the early Christians, the Church grew tremendously, because people needed hope then just as much as we do now! As a Christian, I have hope for my future, while others may gain hope by helping others, creating a legacy in this world, or educating and leading younger generations to the narrow path, thus creating hope and a brighter future for coming generations.

Of course, every person also wants happiness, to enjoy life while they can. God created us with a purpose and when we fulfil His purpose for our lives, we experience the true joy that is beyond compare. Martin Luther King Jr. stresses the urgency of doing something for others, I believe because he found joy and fulfilment of God's plan for his life in it.

To conclude, I believe that this question of what is most important in life should be a recurring one in our lives and that we should also ask ourselves: "What is the purpose of my life?", and "do I have hope?". If the answer to these is no, we need to sit down and think seriously about our lives.

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