

A Celebration of the Life of Jerome Downes  
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"It is really possible to create your life, and have a magical life.

When I die, I won't die having a reputation associated with money, because my life is not about that. Landmark is not about that. I like money. I know how to make money. It's not a big enough game for me.

Contributing, finding something to contribute, being able to contribute transformation for people is what inspires me. We, the Landmark Forum Leaders, don't want to be known as good speakers – we want to be known as people who can contribute something that makes a difference for people.

If you have a chance to look back on your life, you've got to ask this question: "What difference have I made? Was my life just about what I wanted, or did I contribute and make a difference to others?"

I'm going to tell you the secret pathway to happiness. Find something you can contribute. While the world may tell you that money is going to make you happy or material possessions are going to make you happy, do not be fooled. Whatever it is to contribute, to make a difference - that can make a difference in your life.

Here is your homework assignment. Go make the world work. Get your family to work. Get your company to work. Get your community to work. Get your country to work.

If it's not you, who is it going to be? If this is not it, when is it going to be it?

I invite you to sort out your life right now. Choose what your life is going to be about. Who you are is a huge opportunity to make a difference."

Jerome Downes, Landmark Forum Leader  
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