

Bill Haber was once one of the most powerful people in Hollywood--a real "player." For 30 years his life consisted of making and breaking the careers of movie stars, and he did his job well.



A note... from Charlie

In 1995, when his two partners at Creative Artists Agency left to run major studios, Haber migrated to the non-profit organization Save the Children, where he supervised 4000 employees in 41 countries. He left behind the glitz and glamour of tinsel town for the day-in day-out realities of starving kids.

Why would he make such a move? Simple, he says. "You only live once, and I wanted to work with children." He realized that wealth and power aren't all they're cracked up to be, and when confronted with the chance to make a lasting difference in people's lives--he couldn't afford to let the opportunity pass.

We all have a need for significance that no amount of "success" can fulfill. Sadly, too many people never recognize this. They spend their lives struggling with their career, and never discover their Mission. This is what Jesus referred to when he said to his followers, "**What good will be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?**" (Matthew 16:26)

Amazingly, Bill Haber says that nobody in Hollywood thought he was

crazy for doing what he did. In fact, several have made the comment, "I wish I could do that."

Funny they would say that. The fact is, anyone at anytime can do what Bill Haber did. Jesus has given us all an invitation to abandon the building of our own little kingdoms, and join with Him in building His eternal kingdom, right here and now.

It isn't nearly as hard as we might imagine. It begins with asking ourselves, "What am I doing to make a difference?" The first step might be sponsoring a child through an organization like Save the Children or World Vision, or mentoring a young person, or working in a soup kitchen, or teaching a Bible study, or discipling a new believer. It can lead to something greater than we could ever obtain from a career. It can lead us to discovering our Mission.

Jesus said, "**Whoever loses his life for me will find it.**" (vs. 25) May we all experience the joy of losing ourselves, and finding ourselves again, in serving Christ.

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