

John 6:26

Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled."

Jesus did not come into this world to give people what they wanted, but what they needed. All four of the Gospels tell how Jesus fed 5000 men (plus women and children) with a few loaves of bread and a few small fish (think about the size of a fish sandwich at McDonalds). But the next day, the people came looking for Jesus, not because He was awesome and God and their Savior, but simply for another free lunch.

Now, me personally, I am a huge supporter of Compassion International because I know they feed, cloth, educate and help with the children's medical needs, but not only that, they also make sure the gospel and a bible are given to each child. I have had some of these kids tell me that they got saved and they all quote scripture in their letters. So yes, they are getting their physical as well as their spiritual needs met.

But we, Compassion, other believers, have all learned this from Jesus' example. We only read of Jesus feeding 5000 and then another instance of Jesus feeding 4000, but no other time do we read about Jesus feeding others. But Jesus did not go around feeding people all the time, because Jesus knew what they needed, not just what they wanted. And that need was, love, compassion, healing (Physical and spiritual), forgiveness, acceptance from God and eternal life.

We tend to look at the physical needs of people and even the physical things in our country that need to change. But how much more of a spiritual need is there in these peoples lives as well as needed in this Nation.

✠ **John 10:10b** *I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

Some people read this and think of Jesus offering us an abundant life here on this earth. But what good would it do to have an abundant life (stuff) here on this earth if there is not an abundant life after we leave this earth? If all you wanted Jesus for was for more stuff, but not eternal life, and He granted your request for more stuff, then once you left this earth, you would be in hell with nothing. But if you want Jesus for eternal life with Him in Heaven, and don't care about the things of this world, you may or may not have things (stuff) here, but you would have an abundant life with Jesus in Heaven for all eternity.

Survey shows that one out of ever one persons will die. Some died after they had an abundant amount of things here on this earth, while some died with having nothing at all, not even a home or a job or food. So for those who had nothing here on this earth, yet believed in Jesus, will tell

you that they were not looking for an abundant life here on this earth, but rather abundant life in Heaven with Jesus.

Are you looking for abundance here on this earth or in heaven?

† **Matthew 6:19-21** *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*