

Help Somebody!!!

To many, Thomas Cannon's life may have seemed unremarkable. He had a wife, two sons and a job as a postal clerk. He didn't own a fancy house or drive a swanky car. However, he did have one interesting habit: He liked to give away money.



People often wondered how he could afford to be so generous. Cannon's explanation was simple: He lived well below his means and did without luxuries of life so he could help others.

He developed this philosophy during World War II while enlisted in the Navy. Cannon was away for training when a tragic accident claimed the lives of his shipmates. He believed that his life had been spared for a reason. After being discharged, he completed his education (from 8th grade through an undergraduate degree), took a job at the U.S. Post Office, then earnestly pursued the mission he thought he'd been "assigned": to be a positive role model and serve others.

Most of the folks he donated money to were people in his town whom he had read about in the local newspaper. He awarded them \$1,000 for their commitment to charitable endeavors or for whatever hardships they were struggling against. Over the years, he distributed more than \$150,000 to the needy and deserving individuals all while raising a family on an annual salary that never exceeded \$20,000.

Before he passed away, Cannon made it known that he didn't want a foundation to carry on his work, a statue to honor what he did, or his name attached to anything, but he did want his legacy to survive. And the best way to do that, Thomas Cannon suggested, was easy: "Help somebody."

Everybody can help to some degree. What degree of a giver are you?

Boudreaux's Wisdom



Boudreaux went to his doctor to get a chek up and he ax de doctor, "Doc, do you tink Ah might live to be a hunnret years ole?" Da doctor ax Boudreaux, "Mr. Boudreaux, do you smoke or drink?" "Mais no," Boudreaux say, "I don't do dat." Da Doc say, "Do you gamble, drive fas pickup trucks, and fool around wit women?" "Mais no, Ah ain't never done any of dose tings neither." "Well den," say da doctor, "why in da world do you want to live to be a hunnret years ole?"

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RELIABLE DRIVERS

Pictured from left to right on the front are Leslie Dixon, Jason Jack and Darrell Harris. From left to right on the back row are Gregory Hollins, Louis Powell and Andre Dixon.

Darrell is the Truck Supervisor. He coordinates the daily operations of all truck activities, as well as all rental equipment. He started working on May 15, 1980. Andre is the Assistant Supervisor. He helps Darrell with the day-to-day operations, as well as driving trucks, working the rigs and operating the rental equipment. He joined Reliable on January 17, 2005. Leslie also joined the company January 17, 2005. In addition to operating the rental equipment, he takes care of our trucking needs. Louis came on board July 13, 2005. He can be counted on during a rig move to transport production equipment to field locations and operate the vacuum truck and rental equipment. Jason started on March 20, 2006. He's right there with the other guys during the rig moves, as well as operating the vacuum truck and working on the rigs when needed. Gregory or "Bones" as they call him came aboard on June 7, 2007. He first began driving trucks for RPS Cementing, but later transferred to Reliable.



January Anniversaries

Frances "Buck" Chustz 36 yrs. 1/1 **RPS**
Leroy Langlois 28 yrs. 1/1 **RPS**
Lena Joseph 41 yrs. 1/3 **RPS**
Michael Dorsey 13 yrs. 1/6 **RPS**
Glen Marlow 14 yrs. 1/13 **RPS**
Elizabeth Bradford 3 yrs. 1/16 **RPS**
Paula Miller 5 yrs. 1/17 **LRI**
Andre Dixon 5 yrs. 1/17 **RPS**
Leslie Dixon 5 yrs. 1/17 **RPS**
Jack Jordan 10 yrs. 1/24 **RAC**
Corey LeBlanc 6 yrs. 1/24 **RAC**
Debbie Collins 3 yrs. 1/25 **RPS**
Rickie Hebert, Sr. 24 yrs. 1/28 **RPS**
Evelyn Hebert 19 yrs. 1/28 **RPS**

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January Birthdays

Robert Soileau 1/1 **RPS**
Jack Jordan 1/1 **RAC**
Louis Powell 1/3 **RPS**
Elizabeth Bradford 1/3 **RPS**
Debbie Collins 1/13 **RPS**
Jackie Douglas 1/17 **RAC**
Brent Pitre 1/17 **RAC**
Keith Burnitt 1/23 **RPS**
Tim Zeno 1/24 **RPS**
DeEtte Staid 1/25 **RAC**
Lloyd Miller 1/27 **RPS**
Jane Stelly 1/28 **RPS**

RPS – Reliable Production Service

RAC – Reliable Amusement Company

LRI – Liberty Resources, Inc.

SAFETY FIRST



Adjusting to Winter Conditions

Weather conditions can be unpredictable, placing extra demands on your vehicle and your driving skills. Ensure you are well prepared for winter roads and always adjust your driving speed to existing conditions.

Stay alert, slow down, and stay in control, the three key elements of safe winter driving. Drive according to highway and weather conditions. Keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front of you.

Is Your Vehicle Ready?

Get your vehicle winter ready with a maintenance check up. Don't wait for winter to have your battery, belts, hoses, radiator, oil, lights, brakes, tires, exhaust system, heater/defroster, wipers, and ignition system checked.

Keep your fuel tank sufficiently full, at least half a tank is recommended.

Make sure you have sufficient windshield washer fluid in the reservoir that is rated a minimum of 40°C temperature range.

It's a good idea to keep a winter survival kit in your vehicle. Having essential supplies can provide some comfort and safety for you and your passengers should you become stranded.

Recommended Survival Kit

- Shovel
- Tow rope or chain
- Booster cables
- Road flares or warning lights
- Flashlight and batteries
- First aid kit
- Fire extinguisher
- Small tool kit
- Extra clothing and footwear
- Blanket
- Candle and a small tin can
- Matches
- Non-perishable energy foods – e.g., chocolate or granola bars, juice, soup, bottled water

Three Hundred Sixty-Four Days

How can we utilize God's plan as a model when choosing what it is we want to do for a living? Far too many people hate what they do for a living, their words, not mine. Why is it that so many people dislike what they do to earn a living? It could be that they are not doing what best suits their abilities. I often give youth the following advice... "Find out what your God-given talents are and then figure out how to make money doing that which comes natural to you." If you are a fish, don't spend the rest of your life trying to learn how to fly, and likewise, if you are a bird, don't waste time taking swimming lessons. In other words, we all have something that we are born to do, something that allows us to showcase our talents, and that's where our future plans should originate from. Sure, we can be trained to do one thing or another, but when we start with what we are passionate about, we are happier people in the end. Our plan should also incorporate our value system.

To find out what career awaits them, many people take a personality test. This is a great tool to use when you're just getting started or when you are ready to do something that makes you happy. In addition to finding out what qualities you possess, a handy little chart will match you with a job that best suits your unique personality.

Many people, especially the youth make money their starting point. Money should be your long-term goal, not the present deciding job factor. If you make money the center of your value system, you'll soon find that you can never make enough to satisfy your needs. If you want to be happy, you have to do something that has meaning, something that gives you peace, something that leaves you with a sense of accomplishment.

The Christmas season reveals God's plan for all of humanity. This year, spend some time reflecting on how you fit into his blueprint. The next 364 days can be spent figuring out how you can build a life reflective of a good steward, that is to say, a person who realizes that their life is yet another way for God to reveal his giving plan.

Look around your worksite and see how many people are happy giving of themselves.