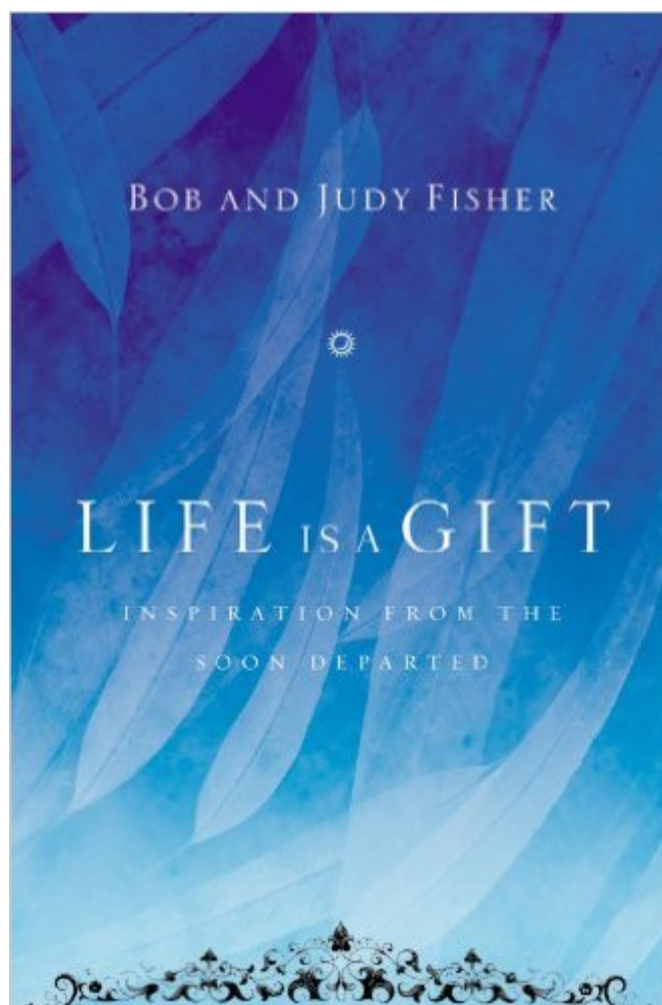


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# Life Is A Gift: Inspiration From The Soon Departed



## Synopsis

In candid interviews, terminal patients in the Alive Hospice program talked with authors Bob and Judy Fisher, addressing some of the most important questions we ask about our life and how we've made the journey. These end-of-life ponderings are collected into inspirational and provoking thoughts that will encourage each of us to live life fully. Each story is reflected in thematic chapters-priorities, family, simple pleasures, romance, integrity, regret, forgiveness-crafted into a series of "lessons learned," offering motivation to approach life with more vigor. These powerful stories deliver the clear message that if you wait to really live until you know you are going to die, you risk missing much of the joy life has to offer and the chance to leave a positive legacy.

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I have wondered how people work with hospice patients because it seemed so depressing. How could they find the work rewarding? This book answers my questions by showing us what a blessing it can be to listen to those of us who are facing death. The author shares moving, meaningful stories he heard from several hospice patients who can help us all understand more about what is truly important in life. Amazing testimonies and a very worthwhile read!

In a world which seems to be largely driven by avarice and strife, this book is a refreshing opportunity to examine what is transcendentally important for the human experience. The truth is; none of us get out of here alive. This superbly crafted book offers some unforced, non-didactic

advice for how to really live while you have the chance.

This book powerfully shows us what should be the most important priorities in each of our lives. It places a very high priority on one's faith and the assured feeling as we approach the end of our time here.

This book, though you might feel it would be depressing, is actually inspiring and uplifting. The people being interviewed are in Hospice Care and know they will be "soon departed". They are ordinary people from all walks of life taking stock of their lives and relationships. Most of them have extraordinary things to say which can help all of us live more meaningful and richer lives.

This book is so true. After experiencing hospice with a family member I think everyone should take the opportunity to read it. Life is a gift and we should all take time to examine our own lives. I highly suggest this awesome book. It is not sad like you think it may be.

Very thought provoking . Still reading it, I have not finished yet. But I have enjoyed what I've read so far.

I've often heard that when you reach the end of your life, your list of regrets doesn't include that you didn't work harder or make more money or accumulate more stuff. And while I tucked that bit of wisdom away as an interesting fact in the back of my brain to remember later, reading this book brought it back to the forefront and then brought it to life. The stories that were gathered from just one hospice in one city were profound and have led me to re-examine what I deem important in life. Reading about the woman who treasures the opportunity to sit in her rocking chair and hear the birds begin to sing each morning and the little girl who finds joy in color caused me to think about the tiny blessings I take for granted each day. And reading story after story about softening hearts that have come to grips with the fact that the most valuable assets they have are relationships has led me to take that extra couple of seconds to make eye contact with my neighbors as they drive by, and remind my kids one more time each day how much I love them. This book provides living proof from those who don't have nearly as much living left to do as they'd like that we should stop letting life slip by and really start living it.

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