

English Corner: Suggested Article of Discussion

1. Article 9-5: Give and Share Yourself

One of my favorite habits in life is waking up early on Sunday morning, getting the Sunday paper, making a hot cup of coffee, and kicking back (坐下来) to read about what's going on in the world. It's my quiet time, my time alone to reflect and relax. One Sunday morning about halfway through my little ritual (例行公事), I spotted a headline that read "Graduating Student Credits (给功劳) His Angel"...and I began to read:

A young man who was graduating from college told the story about how Oral Lee Brown was his "Real Life Angel." In 1987 Brown, a real estate agent in Northern California saw a young girl in her neighborhood begging for money. When she went to the school the girl had claimed to (声称) attend, Brown couldn't find her, but that day she made a decision that would change the lives of many other children forever. She adopted an entire first-grade class in one of Oakland's lowest performing schools, and she pledged (保证) that she personally would pay for anyone who wanted to attend college. This would be a great story even if Oral Lee Brown was independently wealthy; however, it is a much greater story considering she was a former cotton picker from Mississippi, making \$45,000 a year and raising two children of her own. Brown lived up to her pledge (做到她的承诺). Since 1987, she's personally saved \$10,000 a year while raising donations (捐献) for her "adopted first-grade kids." And because of her tremendous act of unselfish (不自私) love, children who could have been "swallowed (吞食) by the streets" are now graduating from college to pursue their dreams.

We all seek our purpose in life. Most of us wonder how we can make a Positive difference during our brief time on this earth. But asking and doing are different things.

It's hard to imagine that Oral Lee Brown wouldn't have a wonderful positive attitude, because she has thought less about herself and more about others. This, in my opinion, is a "little secret" that many people never quite understand about life. "Service (服务) is the very purpose of life; it is the rent we pay for being on this planet." Said Marion Wright Edelman

2. Discussion:

1. What is the "little secret" that the author says many people never understand about life?
2. How did Oral Lee Brown provide an example that proved the author's? point?
3. How can we apply the teachings of this article to our lives today?

3. Remember Seven Phrases a Week:

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| 372. I don't think you are right. | 我认为你是不对的。 |
| 373. I have never seen the movie. | 我从未看过那部电影。 |
| 374. I haven't seen you for ages. | 我好久没见到你了。 |
| 375. I was alone, but not lonely. | 我虽一人,但不寂寞。 |
| 376. I went there three days ago. | 我三天前去过那儿。 |
| 377. It's a friendly competition. | 这是一场友谊赛。 |
| 378. It's very thoughtful of you. | 你想得真周到。 |