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## **Not Just About Taxes** ***Life and its many twists and turns***

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In our [January](#) issue we discussed the overwhelming impact of taxes on our lives and our ability to function and cope in this environment. We had left this month's topic open and had invited you to suggest what you'd like to read about in these pages. As I thought about this and as I talked to our own clients, it's become clear that many folks are feeling overwhelmed with the day to day challenges we face and most of us are in survival mode - struggling with mounting debt and other financial and social issues.

You would think that in our business we would be mostly talking about figures, charts, numbers, profits and losses, taxes, etc. As much as we may be addressing these and other elements of finance, you'd be surprised to know that much of our time is spent on positive re-enforcement about the many blessings bestowed upon us that we so often take for granted.

You see, life is a web of entangled complexities consuming our everyday life and leaving us with little time for reflection on the beauty afforded us – life itself. It is so easy to cast blame or wallow in self-pity when we have fallen on hard times or have been forced into a tragedy overshadowing our senses. This is highlighted when we cannot explain an unexpected event, such as the untimely loss of a loved one. We're drowned in grief, asking why this terrible calamity has happened in the first place. In such despair we wonder how the world can even continue to exist – how can anything be normal, how can life continue ...

We forget that we ourselves, each of us, is a miracle. We have been given the gift of life. And that's what is – a gift. We have been afforded this opportunity – to live, give life, while being showered with the privilege to have known someone who in some way touched our own life. Just like the saying goes: better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all. In that same way, it is better to have had the privilege to have known and loved the one we have now lost, than to never had been given the gift to have that person in our life in the first place.

During tough and arduous times, it is important to keep in mind the positive things in our lives and the many blessings afforded us. In the scheme of all things, it's a short time – but it's our time, and we must make the most of it, and touch someone in a positive way, while we can, and while we still have this miracle we call - the gift of life.

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Stay tuned for another sinitalizing next issue in March. Until next time, dream big, stay safe, and *always*, be kind ..... 😊 Please forward any questions or comments to: [Edwin@enccpas.com](mailto:Edwin@enccpas.com)

