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Perspective

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.
Romans 12:11-13

In the last couple of weeks my husband received from a friend via email, a very interesting factual read.

The population of the earth is around 7.8 billion. For most people, it is a large figure. However, if you condensed 7.8 billion people into 100 persons and then into various percentage statistics the resulting analysis is much easier to comprehend.

Out of 100:

- 11 are in Europe
- 5 are in North America
- 9 are in South America
- 15 are in Africa
- 60 are in Asia

- 49 live in the countryside
- 51 live in cities

- 75 have mobile phones
- 25 do not
- 30 have internet access
- 70 do not have the ability to go online

- 7 received university education
- 93 did not attend college
- 83 can read
- 17 are illiterate

- 33 are Christians
- 22 are Muslims
- 14 are Hindus
- 7 are Buddhists
- 12 are other religions
- 12 have no religious beliefs

- 26 live less than 14 years
- 66 died between 15 and 64 years of age
- 8 are over 65 years old

If you have your own home, eat full meals and drink clean water, have a mobile phone, can surf the internet, and have gone to college, you are in the miniscule privileged lot (in the less than 7% category)

Amongst 100 persons in the world, only 8 live or exceed the age of 65.

What do you think? Kinda puts things in perspective!

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