

LIVE LIKE YOU ARE DYING

Are you living to die? Or dying to live? John 14:2-4 says, *“In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.”*

He has gone on ahead of us, and we, like the disciples, are supposed to know the way there.

Then Thomas, known throughout history as *“doubting Thomas,”* but perhaps he was just a bit braver than the others, asked our Lord, *“Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?”*

Aren’t we still just the same? We run to our friends, or our pastor, asking what we are supposed to do. But God has told us WE know the way ourselves. Jesus says in verse 6, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”* Jesus is the only way to get to heaven. He is the highway, the road; *“the truth.”* If you follow the truth, it also leads to LIFE. And this is how we know the way to life, because we know Jesus.

So many are missing “the Life” of Jesus Christ. They are breathing, eating, and walking; but not living the real life in Jesus. The real life is in Christ. This helter-skelter, chase here-chase there, run after this, try and find that, fix this - fix that, want this - want that existence - IS NOT THE LIFE Jesus is talking about. Life in Him is totally separate from that.

Anyone who has touched that LIFE never forgets it.

But instead of hanging on to it, we so often forget and are reduced to worrying about what we are going to eat, or wear, or where we are going to live. We might feel good about ourselves, but we are missing the fullness of what God has intended. Your house will never be big enough, your furniture will never be new enough, you will never have enough clothes. These things cannot satisfy. They were never meant to be the main objective in life. You will never have enough. There is no end to “wants.” Money can buy a lot of things, but it cannot buy LIFE.

Money cannot buy the love, peace, or joy that Jesus offers for free.

Having material things at the top of the list only causes a person to worry themselves to death, slave themselves to death over an animal existence that bears no eternal fruit.

The things around us are to be enjoyed and used, but they must be put in the proper perspective. And something else must take the place at the top. That something is God. He should have first place in our lives - first love, first respect, first everything.

Each of us need to individually seek the LIFE, which is Jesus. Our priority must be to place God first before your husband, your wife, your children, your job, and everything else. Because without Him, nothing is worth anything. Nothing can supply our needs, but God.

We sleep a third of our lives, spend three years brushing our teeth, forty years fixing things, and another two years throwing things away that you couldn't get fixed. How much time do you spend in prayer? How much time do you spend seeking God, desiring to be in his presence? If we examine our lives, we may find that we spend most of our time doing things other than seek God.

Some people live to eat - always thinking about the next meal. Others eat to live, not thinking much about food.

When the main reason we live is Jesus, we aren't just here on earth as consumers, but have a mission and purpose to live for God. Our lives take on a whole new meaning. We aren't just trying to see how many things we can do before we die, trying to cram everything in before it's all over. Going to the grave is not the final event of our lives. We are dying and going on to life for eternity. Now that's a whole new ball game than living to die. That's dying to live! Concern yourselves with the LIFE you have in Jesus.

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