**LIVING A LIFE THAT MATTERS…!**

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Living a God-glorifying “best life” never happens by accident; it is never the path of least resistance or the road narrowly traveled. It requires intentionality, and constantly reminding yourself that, with God, all things are possible if you only believe. The Bible teaches that the Christian life is one of **constant growth through God’s love towards us**. When you were born again, you were born into God’s family. It is God’s purpose that YOU WILL GROW!

CONSEQUENTLY…

**A CHANGE** MUST TAKE PLACE IN YOU AND AROUND YOU TO ENCOURAGE YOU!

That is the challenge of the Christian lifestyle: THE CHANGE!

For us to live a life of love that is modeled by the love of God…we must change! Human love tends to love the lovely, the loving, and lovable. However, Divine love, hallelujah, loves the unloving, the unlovable, the unlovely.

Jesus encourages all believers to grow in relationship, commitment, and obedience to Him. This is the essence of how to live a God-glorifying “best life”. Our relationship, commitment, and obedience are done out of love, not restriction. **John 14:21 says, "Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."**

**1 Corinthians 15:10**

**10 But because God was so gracious, so very generous, here I am. And I'm not about to let his grace go to waste. Haven't I worked hard trying to do more than any of the others? Even then, my work didn't amount to all that much. It was God giving me the work to do, God giving me the energy to do it.**

**LIVING YOUR BEST LIFE REQUIRES:**

1 LOVE

2 PURSUING HEAVEN

3 NEWNESS

4 CONSIDERATION

5 FAITH

**1 LOVING THE WAY GOD INTENDED**

Matthew 22:37-39 (MSG)

37 Jesus said, "'**Love** the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.' 38 This is the most important, the first on any list. 39 But there is a second to set alongside it: '**Love** others as well as you love yourself.'

**2 MAKING HEAVEN YOUR PURSUIT**

Matthew 6:19-21 (MSG)

19 "Don't hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or—worse!—stolen by burglars. 20 **Stockpile treasure in heaven**, where it's safe from moth and rust and burglars. 21 It's obvious, isn't it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.

**3 ALLOWING GOD TO MAKE YOU NEW**

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

**QUESTION: How valuable are you in God’s hands?**

**4 CONSIDERING OTHERS IN YOUR WALK**

Hebrews 10:24-25

24 And let us **consider one another** to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

**5 EXEMPLIFYING YOUR FAITH**

Romans 5:1-2

1 Therefore being **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have **access by faith** into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

**QUESTION:**

**HONESTLY,**

**IS IT DIFFICULT TO HOLD ON TO YOUR FAITH**

**IN TODAYS TIMES.**