

What Will You be Known For in 2017

“All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us”
(Gandalf, Lord of the Rings).

That quote has been churning over and over and over in me. 2017 is now upon us. How you respond to the events of 2017 is up to you and you alone. Your love for God should be the center of anything and everything you do in life.

You are given this time in history, no matter how you see it! Your past doesn't disqualify you from God's service. To Him, where you came from doesn't have to dictate where you go or how you're used by Him in 2017.

Let the mistakes, the pain, the unfairness, the disappointments, etc. etc. etc. GO! Its over!

Whatever has happened doesn't have to dictate how you respond in the future. If you want to be known as a person who not only loves God but knows God, you are going to make some hard choices in the days ahead. You must die even more to the flesh.

Your spiritual responsibility is to rise above the natural regardless of how things look! You need to ask, "If I do this, will I make things better or worse? Will His light shine through me?"

Remember, you will be known for what you do, not what you say. You can talk the talk but, if you don't back it up with actions, words mean nothing.

“I can already hear one of you agreeing by saying, “Sounds good. You take care of the faith department, I'll handle the works department.” Not so fast. You can no more show me your works apart from your faith than I can show you my faith apart from my works. Faith and works, works and faith, fit together hand in glove” (James 2:8, MSG).

People may forget what you say but, they'll always remember how you made them feel. In other words, I will show you my faith by what I do!

In 2017 you must make the choice to crucify the flesh even more. Others being impacted by His goodness within you can only be done if the flesh isn't operating.

Determine which things please the Lord and then do them! A person of Character demonstrates uncompromising integrity throughout the situations of life. Your flesh cannot dictate how you respond or how you live.

Every day you meet challenges that can potentially divert you and even try to temporarily defeat God's character from shining through you. But if you immediately turn to God and ask for His help, these obstacles will not hold power over you or defeat His plan for shining through you.

This can only happen if you rely on God's faithfulness to bring you to a place of victory regarding your situation. Your victory comes only when the flesh doesn't rule you. I promise you, if you will learn how to overcome those fleshly challenges you will shine bright with His light.

Remember!!!! You don't see the things the way they are. You see things the way you are. The memory of your past mistakes, hurts or failures serve as the gravitational pull that slows you down or keeps you responding correctly.

No matter what you're dealing with right now, no matter what you're faced with, God gets it. He knows all of it, and He knows how to get you through it without you responding in the natural (flesh). No matter what happens around you, God is there to help you respond correctly.

Beloved, He wants US to trust in Him as He shows US the right way.

Happy New Year Friends!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1oVKK2OPT5U>

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