

Be Christian in All You Do

It is not about finding Christian things to do

*** We must be PURPOSE driven, not EVENT driven.**

*If we are being honest, we would admit most Christians are only "Christian" for two occasions:

1. When they are with other Christians or at Christian events
2. When they find Christian thing to do such as, helping the poor and the sick

Unfortunately, the rest of their lives are lived very fleshly with fleshly reaction, responses, & purposes.

Paul was inspired to say it this way - 1 Cor 3:1-3 - Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly — mere infants in Christ. **2 I gave you milk, not solid food**, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, **you are still not ready**. **3 YOU ARE STILL WORLDLY**. For **since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?**

Every part of everything we do must be "God purposed" - Rom 14:7-12 - 7 For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. 8 If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9 For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For **we will all stand before God's judgment seat**. 11 It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'" 12 So then, **each of us will give an ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF to God**.

***Everything that is done in our everyday life we are accountable to doing it God-purposed!**

Everything we do must be in Jesus Name to Glorify God –

Col 3:17 And **WHATEVER YOU DO**, whether in word or deed, DO IT ALL in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1 Cor 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or **WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT ALL** for the glory of God.

*** God should be able to put us anywhere, around anybody, dealing with anything, having any feeling and we still Glorify HIM.**

We must BE Holy Like God in all we do - 1 Peter 1:15-16 - 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in ALL YOU DO; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

Good deeds are a REQUIRED way of life for all Christians not just good actions - Matt 25:31-46 - 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; **take your inheritance**, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 "The King will reply, **'I tell you the truth, whatever YOU DID for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'** 41 "Then he will say to those on his left, **'Depart from me**, you who are cursed, into **the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels**. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' 44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' 45 "He will reply, **'I tell you the truth, whatever YOU DID NOT DO for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'** 46 "Then they will **go away to eternal punishment**, but **the righteous to eternal life**."

The required Good deeds must be God purposed or they are rendered worthless - Matt 6:2-4 - 2 "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, **TO BE HONORED BY MEN**. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 **SO THAT** your giving may be in secret. **THEN** your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Do not be deceived and distracted with the worthless purposes down here - Eccl 1:2 "Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."

We must live every part of our lives reverently following God's instruction - Eccl 12:13-14 - 13 **The conclusion**, when all has been heard, is: **fear God** and **keep His commandments**, because **THIS APPLIES TO EVERY PERSON**. 14 For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil. NASU

In a nutshell our entire life purpose must be Spiritual NEVER fleshly - Gal 6:7-8 - 7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature **will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit **will reap eternal life.****

Our life is our responsibility that we will be measured on HOW we live - Luke 16:10-12 - 10 "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

* The question I must ask, is "did I do what God says?", not, "how did it turn out?"

What is going to measure us when it all ends is THE WORD – John 12:47-50 - 47 "As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. 48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; THAT VERY WORD WHICH I SPOKE WILL CONDEMN HIM AT THE LAST DAY. 49 For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. 50 I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."

The Word is going to be what measures and tests us - Heb 4:12-13 - 12 For the **WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 **Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight.** Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.**

The Bible must be our life-Guide - Ps 119:133 **ORDER MY STEPS IN THY WORD: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. KJV**

Don't be confused by the life or situations you receive, following the Word, doing it all being responsible to God -1 Cor 7:17-24 – 17 Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches. 18 Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. 19 For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but **KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD. 20 Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. 21 Were you a slave when called? Do not be concerned about it. But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity. 22 For **he who was called in the Lord as a slave is a freedman of the Lord.** Likewise **he who was free when called is a slave of Christ.** 23 **YOU WERE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE;** do not become slaves of men. 24 So, brothers, in **whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.** ESV**

We check our life relationship with Christ by honestly checking how we live –

Are we TRULY walking in the Light? – 1 John 1:6-10 – 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, **we lie and do not live by the truth.** 7 But if we walk in the light, **AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.** 8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

Are we TRULY following God's commands? – 1 John 2:3-6 – 3 We know that we have come to know him IF we obey his commands. 4 The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But if anyone obeys his word, **God's love is truly made complete in him. THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WE ARE IN HIM:** 6 Whoever **claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.**

Jesus walked by Exactly following God the Father – John 14:31 but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do **exactly** what my Father has commanded me. "Come now; let us leave.

- Do we understand the difference between Light & darkness?
- Do we honestly recognize we are sinners and what Christ has done for us?
- Are we honestly searching for what God is commanding us to do and doing it?

If what we SAY doesn't match how we LIVE, we will have to answer for it – Matt 12:36-37 – 36 But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. 37 For **by your words you will be acquitted, and **by your words you will be condemned.**"**

- When it comes down to it, if you SAY you are a Christian, you better BE a Christian!

Our sole responsibility is to live Spiritually NO MATTER WHAT! - Rom 8:12-14 - 12 Therefore, brothers, **we have an obligation – but it is **not to the sinful nature**, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,**