

WHAT DO PEOPLE SEE?

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I watched a video this morning that asked some very thought-provoking questions. So I stopped and thought for a while. Then I asked myself this question from the video. If someone followed you every day, what would they see? The next set of questions goes right to your relationship with Jesus. Give them some thought.

Would they see someone with a life that radiates Jesus? What language would they hear? What actions and reactions would they see? Would they see a life that is led by the Holy Spirit, or a life led by self? Would they see a prayer warrior, or one who prays when they want something or when they are in some kind of desperate situation?

What it boils down to is this: What about your witness? Have you ever stopped and looked at yourself and how well you represent Jesus to the world? These are tough questions. However, they are needed. I think most people do not ask themselves these questions, so why not? It might be that you believe that's the preacher's and the Elders' responsibility, and they do have that responsibility. However, it's also the responsibility of all who are immersed believers to make disciples that make disciples.

[“¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” \(Matthew 28:19-20\)](#) [“but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” \(Acts 1:8\)](#)

You know this. I am not telling you anything new. I am asking that you and I answer these questions. The reality is that every Christian must be a positive influence for Jesus every day, and that no matter who sees me today or in a week, they see Jesus. If Christians do not influence the world for Jesus, then they influence it for Satan.

This thing called life gets busy. We are so busy trying to keep our heads above water that there is not much time for Jesus. Peer pressure can also be a determining factor. Why is it so important to be like others that Jesus is left out? Maybe it has to do with the need for acceptance and being liked and not ridiculed for living a Christ-like life out loud. One day, we all will stand before the righteous Judge. Then it's not going to matter how well we were accepted by others. Check this verse out. [“Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. ³ For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.” \(Colossians 3:1-3\)](#)

It would be fantastic if every Christian lived these two verses out loud every day. [“²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. ²² And have mercy on some, who are doubting; ²³ save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.” \(Jude 1:20-23\)](#) [“But if I say, “I will not remember Him Or speak anymore in His name,” Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire shut up in my bones; And I am weary of holding it in, And I cannot endure it.” \(Jeremiah 20:9\)](#) In other words, I **have** to tell others about Jesus, either in words or by the life I lead.

“Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?” (2 Corinthians 13:5) Perhaps this passage to the Corinthians should be practiced today. It just might make a difference in the attitude we have about sharing Jesus with the world around us.

There is no better example of living your life out loud than the Apostles' lives. How did they live before their encounter with Jesus, as opposed to their life after His resurrection? Before the resurrection, a life of hiding, fear, doubt, and wondering what's next. After the resurrection, they would not be silent. They all proclaimed the Good News and went to their graves proclaiming Jesus.

As the disciples of this age, we have that obligation to spread the Good News to the world. Make no mistake, Satan will do whatever he can to stop you. If the disciples of today don't share the Good News, then what is going to happen to the world we live in? Then fewer people will come to a relationship with Jesus, and who knows how many will end up in hell. “Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.’” (Matthew 9:37) “For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,” (1 Peter 2:21)

Back to the question from the first paragraph. If someone followed you every day, what would they see? Would they see someone with a life that radiates Jesus? What language would they hear? What actions and reactions would they see? Would they see a life that is led by the Holy Spirit, or a life led by self? Would they see a prayer warrior, or one who prays when they want something or when they are in some kind of desperate situation?

What does Jesus see in you? Be one who shares the Good News, and have a blessed week!

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