
Essential Christianity: ***Am I Living for Jesus?***

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Do You Want to See Change in Your Life?
Let God Change You

How?

What Is Living for Jesus?

The Practice of Real Love:

¹⁸ “My dear children, let’s not just talk about love; let’s practice real love. ¹⁹ This is the only way we’ll know we’re living truly, living in God’s reality... ^{23b} He told us to love each other, in line with the original command. **MSG**

Three Types of Givers:

Those Who Give: to Get – from Guilt – to Give

Result:

Knowledge and Assurance of Living a God Changed Life

Replacing Self Criticism for Going to God with Bold Confidence

²⁰ For God is greater than our worried hearts and knows more about us than we do ourselves.
²¹ And friends, once that's taken care of and we're no longer accusing or condemning ourselves, we're bold and free before God! *MSG*

Result: Confidence That Leads to Boldness for
Christ In Difficult Circumstances

No One Is Ever A Loser in Jesus Christ

Doing Things that Please Him

²² We're able to stretch our hands out and receive what we asked for because we're doing what he said, doing what pleases him. *MSG*

Result: Answered Prayer

There Is A Direct Correlation Between Obedience to The Word
and Answered Prayer

Believing More in Jesus Than My Circumstances

^{23a} Again, this is God's command: to believe in his personally named Son, Jesus Christ. *MSG*

Result:

Knowing the Power of a Life of Obedience, Faith, and Love

Obeying the Commandments / Word of God

²⁴ As we keep his commands, we live deeply and surely in him, and he lives in us. *MSG*

A Life of Wanting to Obey and Serve Him
Because He Is Worth It

Wanting to Alone Is Not Enough to Create Change, But...

Result:

I Have Moved Deeper into The Spirit Filled Life and the Richness of the Presence of God Fills My Life

²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. *ESV*

^{24b} And this is how we experience his deep and abiding presence in us: by the Spirit he gave us *MSG*

^{24b} And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us *ESV*