

How Are You Living?

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Doesn't it make your day when someone recognizes you from the past? For me, former students that I encounter or even an old friend that I have not seen for a long time can really make my day by simply knowing and recognizing me.

On the other hand, it is a letdown when you see an old acquaintance, introduce yourself to them, and they have no recollection of ever knowing you in their lives.



LIVING FOR CHRIST

"Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven." Matthew 10:32

This is a big one. Of all the people in the history of the universe, I want Jesus Christ -- the Son of the Living God -- to acknowledge me before his Father. So, how can I acknowledge Him?

Don't we do it with our very lives, every day that we live? Don't we do it with our daily speech, our honesty and integrity -- how we treat people around us with dignity and respect?

Literally in everything we do, we are either acknowledging the presence of God in our lives...or we are denying that he exists and that we have any responsibility to Him at all.

1 Peter 3:15 tells us:

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

We do need to be ready to tell people who ask us, to explain the eternal hope we have in Jesus. But if we don't live lives that show Jesus in all we do, why should they ask in the first place?

So, is He your Lord and Savior? Let's show our communities and the world what we believe by how we live.

Let's live as if what we believe is really real.

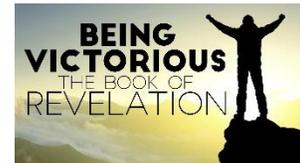
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Come to the [North American Christian Convention](#) on **June 27-29** in Kansas City



Our Vacation Bible School is going to be awesome! -- register your kids today



Pastor Nathan Brands will be giving the message this **Sunday, June 25** -- listen to past sermons [here](#).



Help us decorate for Vacation Bible School on any of these work days:

Sunday, July 9

12:30-4 pm

Monday, July 10

11 am-2:30 pm

Tuesday, July 11

6:30-8:30 pm

MISSION of the MONTH:



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