

BE THE PERSON GOD WANTS YOU TO BE

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Everyone wants a happy and successful life, but few know the secret. There is a tendency in our society to respond towards others rather than make the first contact... we wait for others to befriend us before we are prepared to befriend them. It may be surprising to some, that the Christian ethic is actually the opposite of our natural tendencies. God acts first, offers first, befriends first, despite our spiritual state or response... and we are encouraged to likewise develop the same attitude towards others. Why should we bother? A successful Christian develops through the successful applications of life's truths. God has wonderfully and surely set the correct pathway before us all... all we need to do is to fashion our life attitudes upon the bible example.

Jesus loved us and died for us... even before we made the first move.

1JOH 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us. As a result, we discover the structure of God's wisdom... the way to live our own lives. Jesus succeeded because he understood God's methods and blessings.

God has already revealed the priorities that are effective and workable.

MAT 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. We are encouraged to seek to become the type of person on whom God can pour out blessing. We are to become the type of Christian God wants us to be... first, ahead of other interests.

Paul encourages the church to imitate those who know how to be the person God wants us to be.

PHI 3:17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. What are the habits of those that are succeeding? Those who last the distance... what are their thoughts and ways, what are their priorities? How do they serve God? The following scriptures offer positive and helpful advice on a variety of important topics.

What is the secret of true friendship?

PRO 18:24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. God reveals that we are to initiate friendship, and not wait for others to be friendly towards us.

God also reveals the attitudes of a happily married person.

EPH 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Put the other person first... be a good partner... be who God wants you to be. Don't wait for your spouse to treat you well before you treat them as God directs.

&22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. Be a good wife!!

&25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; Be a good husband!! There is no commandment to respond to good treatment... rather the command is to offer love, even if it is not offered back.

1PET 3:1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives. Being God's person offers opportunities to win over an unbelieving partner. How much more can it offer those who are both spirit filled?

How to be an effective parent.

PRO 29:21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become his son at the length. Godly attitudes will win over all people.

PRO 22:15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him. God wants us to set boundaries... to be the type of parent he wants us to be. Our children are also God's children... we often forget that truth.

God wants us to be lifesavers.

JAM 5:20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. Be one who forgives, one who restores, one who offers mercy.

Conclusion.

1PET 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. The end is very close now.

8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Love others as Christ loved you... he did it before you responded!

9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging. Be a true friend... offer support.

10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. We received the Holy Spirit and power while we were unworthy and ignorant... let's offer everything we enjoy to others, even if they are offering us nothing!! This is the will of God... be the person God wants you to be!!