

OUR LIFE IS OUR LIFE

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The Our life is a composite of the things which we do every day... the actions we take, the things we say, the things we involve ourselves in. The conduct of daily living, the company we keep and our attitude all combine together to make us who we are... and who we are seen to be. Many people have aspirations, hopes, dreams and ideals, but they are not seen unless they are exercised... these are not your life unless you live them.

In simple terms, the things which you want to do and would like to be, have no bearing on who you really are. People are not mind readers, nor do good intentions automatically qualify us as good people. We are not who we think we are, but we are who we have become.

The Lord (even life itself) requires actions not thoughts, he requires deeds not just promises, he needs participants not spectators. Eternal life is the result that comes for those who live according to an eternal lifestyle, not the reward for good intentions, unspoken prayers, unfulfilled commitments, etc. Our life style determines our life, or it is our death... the choice is very personal and we make it every day.

The following verse simplifies the principles of the overcomer... those who live forever.

REV 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb (mercy and forgiveness, both receiving and giving... not just receiving), and by the word (logos) of their testimony (the promotion of the gospel in word and deed and lifestyle); and they loved not their lives unto the death. Their lifestyle gave them their life. Once we have the Holy Spirit we have the power to change and complete our lives. We have the motivation to grasp bible concepts and to exercise them... to share them.

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EPH 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. God's strength, not yours. He will give you far better and happier results than you will ever get doing it your own way.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (cunning arts, deceit, craft, trickery). People often fail because they are convinced that they cannot stand against the world... this is the first great lie which Satan uses to trick us. We have far more power behind us than Satan and the rest of the world put together.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood (a contest between two till one hurls the other down and holds him down), but against principalities (the authority of men under sin), against powers (the power of choice), against the rulers of the darkness of this world (Godless leaders... politics), against spiritual wickedness in high [places] (false prophets... corrupt shepherds... pride... lust... laziness... etc.).

2COR 10:3 FOR THOUGH WE WALK IN THE FLESH, WE DO NOT WAR AFTER THE FLESH: **4** (FOR THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE ARE NOT CARNAL, BUT MIGHTY THROUGH GOD TO THE PULLING DOWN OF STRONG HOLDS;) **5** CASTING DOWN IMAGINATIONS, AND EVERY HIGH THING THAT EXALTEETH ITSELF AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, AND BRINGING INTO CAPTIVITY EVERY THOUGHT TO THE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST; Remember, the soul doesn't need money, food, assets, romance, a good looking body nor fame to be healthy... it only needs an effective relationship with God... this is our battle!!... it is spiritual, not material.

13 Wherefore (therefore) take unto you the whole armour (everything) of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. You cannot fight any battle if you are not prepared and have no equipment. After the fight (wrestle) is over, we stand as victors of the contest.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness (protect your vital organs by doing the right thing);

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; We are encouraged to walk in the Lord's shoes... not the worlds.

16 Above all (the most important part of the armour), taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. All the problems in the world can be defended through faith.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: The word of God is the only weapon you have... if you don't know it or never use it, then you are hopelessly without any form of defence... simply put, you will die.

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; Our prayer and its results is the energy which enables us to live the life. To see dreams and ideals become realities... to get God more involved in our life.

Let us be motivated to take the steps and live a life that is truly life bringing, rather than live a life that is terminally flawed. We need to be assisting those who have a limited life and help turn things around for them. God will give you whatever you need to face all the circumstances of life. If we gather together and fight as one then we will have more than enough power to overcome any obstacle there is.

Fellowship is one of the greatest assets available to us. This is where we can do much of the doing, rather than just the thinking about it.