



Living for Christ

"Whatever your hands find to do, do it with your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). It takes much effort to live for Jesus and it takes all our efforts to be successful. Here is how the Lord wants us to live for Him:

1. Do good to all people no matter what they do to you (Galatians 6:10). Christ is our example of doing good (Acts 10:38). We must follow in His steps (1 Peter 2:21).
2. Bless and love your enemies (Matthew 5:44). Christ was hated, mocked, spat upon, beaten, yet prayed, *"Father forgive them"* (Luke 23:34). When we do this we have the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5).
3. Pray for and visit the sick (Matthew 25:40). Pray for the leaders and individual members of the church. Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
4. Count others better than yourself (Philippians 2:3). This is truly being Christlike. When we count others better than ourselves, we will serve as Christ did, and not desire to be served.
5. Put the Kingdom first in all things (Matthew 6:33). This means putting God and Christ first in all things.

Do these things with all your might. *"Be steadfast always abounding in the work of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 15:58).

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