

Be Real About Life

Philippians 3:12-14t)

Don't just look, Observe!

Don't just breathe, Smell!

Don't just sleep Dream!

Don't just think, Feel!

Don't just exist, Live!

- Author Unknown

"We won't come alive, in the truest and fullest sense, until we die to self. And we won't find ourselves until we lose ourselves in the cause of Christ." - **Mark Batterson**

I. To be real about life we must be honest about our passion. (V.9-10)

A. Am I passionately pursuing a life of faith in Christ?

Philippians 3:9

And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.

"The point of a faith walk is that it is not academic and sterile, but it is daily and gritty and raucous. And fun. So I want you to dive in, not just tiptoe around the edges. Leave behind tame, timid, play-it-safe, follow-the-rules faith. Learn to exercise an outrageous, get-out-of-the-boat, resurrection faith." - **Jennifer Kennedy Dean**

B. Am I passionately pursuing a life of fellowship with Christ?

Philippians 3:10

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.

II. To be real about life we must humble our present circumstance. (V.12)

A. We must be humble about the reality of where we stand.

Philippians 3:12

Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect:

Romans 12:3

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

B. With must be humble about the reality of who we seek.

Philippians 3:12

but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

You will never begin to apprehend the Lord Jesus until you realize to Whom you are in pursuit of.

1 Corinthians 9:24

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

III. To be real about life we must be heroic about our prospects. (V.13-14)

- A. We must heroically focus on the future God has planned.

Philippians 3:13

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

1 Corinthians 9:26

I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: (V.27) But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Everything and anything worth having always comes with a sacrifice, and a cost. The nagging voice of regret will not hush until you silence it through sacrifice.

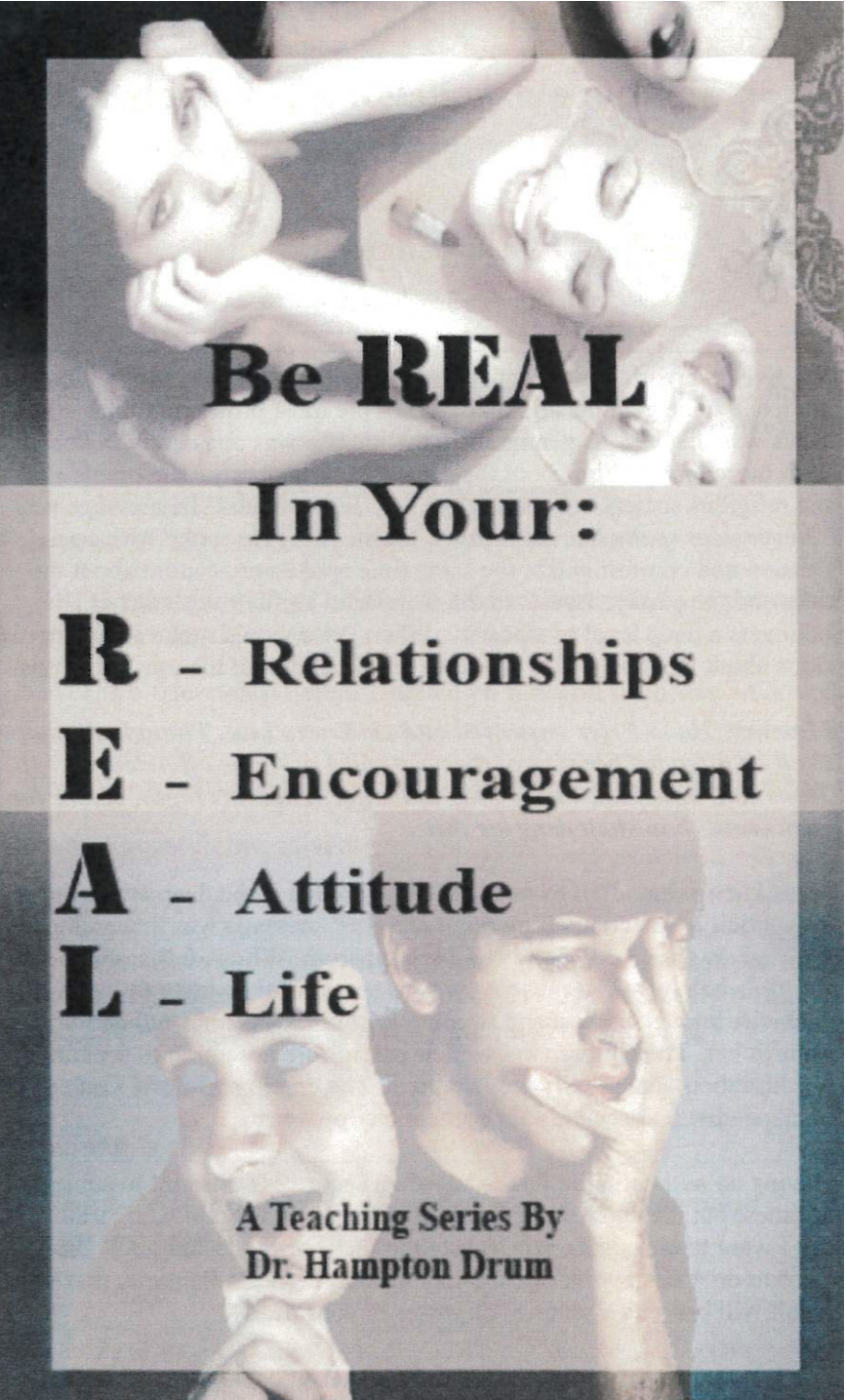
- B. We must heroically follow the future God has planned.

Philippians 3:14

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

"Don't be afraid of determination and diligence. Such dedication is not only rare, it's downright contagious!"

- Chuck Swindoll



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