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Is It All About YOU?



Careful. The messages you get from the world tell you how ‘great’ you are. Not only that – you are told there is a ‘secret’ to successful living, and if you know this ‘secret,’ you can draw to yourself everything you’ve ever wanted.

Not true. There is no secret. Christ is first and last. He died on the cross in public so ALL would know of His love for us. There is no mysticism or secret knowledge in Christianity. There is God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Furthermore, no matter how good we are, or talented, or rich, or educated – we are still ‘less than’ when it comes to God. Self-help can only take us so far.

Say *NO!* to the lies of the world and trust in HIM.

What ‘the world’ says: “**You** are the center of the universe. The world revolves around **You**. There are no limitations for **You**. **You** are the light of the world.”

What Jesus says: “**I am** the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

When is the last time you practiced humility? When is the last time you showed empathy toward another? Describe walking in darkness versus walking in light.

What ‘the world’ says: “Everything necessary to live a better life is within **you**. Being ‘the best **you** can be’ is all that is required to succeed. **You** determine your path to paradise.”

What Jesus says: “**I am** the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

Quickly, list every material item you want right now that will make you happy. Will any of those things make you happy years from now? Will any of those things get you to heaven?

What ‘the world’ says: “**You** and your fellow members are the foundation of your church. **You** can find salvation just by attending church. **You** should be made comfortable within the church.”

What Jesus says: “**I am** the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.” (John 10:9)

Be honest...why do you attend the church you belong to? Is your church more of a social or community club? Or, if you don’t attend church – why not? Where do you feel God’s presence?

What ‘the world’ says: “**You** are defined by your title, salary, and company you work for. **You** must do whatever it takes to reach the top of your profession. **You** can depend on your company to do the right thing. **You** should leave your religion behind when you go to work.”

What Jesus says: “**I am** the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep.” (John 10:11-12)

Are you a Christian at work? Do you gossip about or mistreat co-workers, clients, or customers? Is your job more important than your faith?

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What ‘the world’ says: “**You** should always seek happiness. **You** don’t have to answer to anyone. **You** should please yourself at all times. **You** can fight temptation on your own.”

What Jesus says: “**I am** the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.” (John 15:1-2)

Can you handle everything? Do you ever surrender to God? Do you NEED to surrender your will to God? Do you NEED to surrender your problems, doubts, and fears to God?

What ‘the world’ says: “**You** deserve to have anything you want. **You** must strive to be rich and accumulate many goods.”

What Jesus says: “**I am** the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.” (John 6:35)

*Why should you have everything and others have nothing? Who provides for you? Do you deserve what you have? Describe your **wants** versus your **needs** versus your **blessings**;
Ex. I **want** an iPhone3G, I **need** a cell phone to reach my family, I am **blessed** to have a cell and home phone.*

What ‘the world’ says: “There is no one greater than **You** in your family. Your family cannot exist without **You**. **You** determine what happens with your family.

What Jesus says: “**I am** the vine; you are the branches.” (John 6:35)

Who is the head of your family? If you are not around, (or even if you are), do your children know to turn to God for comfort?

What ‘the world’ says: “**You** should believe what your friends believe. **You** don’t need to pray for other people. **You** don’t need to spread the Gospel, there are plenty others who are doing it.”

What Jesus says: “**I am** the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26)

When was the last time you prayed for someone else (not a family member)? When was the last time you discussed the Bible with a friend, or shared Scripture? When was the last time you invited someone to church?