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WOULD YOU LIVE FOR JESUS?

Our question asks for a simple yes or no answer. However, it is the most important question of life with eternal consequences that must be carefully considered.

Would you live for Jesus? We are not just asking if you would be baptized and attend services frequently, although these are two important obligations for children of God. We are asking you the same questions the Lord is asking you:

Would you die to sin and self? One of the Lord's ambassadors put it this way: "How shall we who died to sin still live in it?" (Rom. 6:2b); "our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;" (Rom. 6:6); "Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts," (Rom. 6:11-12; cf. 2 Tim. 3:2).

Would you live for Christ daily? Would you live the life that Christ lived? Would you give up everything you are and have for Him? There is no place for selfishness here! Jesus said: "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me." (Luke 9:23). Dying to this world must be a "daily" endeavor (1 Cor. 15:31). Would you relay God's instructions to others who need them without letting the consequences hinder you? "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him

when He comes in His glory, and *the glory* of the Father and of the holy angels.” (Luke 9:26); “If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.” (1 Pet. 4:14). Would you bear the reproaches and ridicule of family and friends for the sake of truth? Would you take gladly the spoiling of your goods and physical abuse, or would you retaliate viciously (Heb. 10:34; cf. Acts 5:41)? In essence, would you follow Christ wherever He may lead? **Will you follow Christ wherever He may lead?** Friend, if you are willing to live for Jesus He will bless you with heaven *after* awhile. But don't expect heaven if you are pretending to be a Christian. The Lord knows man's hypocrisy, and He will recompense justly. Discipleship is more than a mere profession of Christianity — it is a life that is lived in submission to God and harmony with His will. The Lord is waiting to bless you. Won't you come to Him? May we assist you?

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TEACH YOUR CHILD THE EVIL OF LYING

Unless you instruct your child about the evil of lying, his peers will teach him otherwise. An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure. Teach your child that cowards lie. He, not being a coward, ought not to lie.

Teach your child that a liar is never trusted even if he tells the truth, for others will never know when he is truthful or when he is not.

Teach your child that, by lying, he never gains anything because he corrupts the society of which he himself is a member.

When others discover he is a liar, they will not trust him and associate with him, and in isolation, one is rarely happy or can truly prosper.

Teach your child that when he says he is working and is actually goofing off, he is lying. He must be taught that cheating in a test or on a term paper or anything else is lying.

Telling an untruth about somebody he does not like is lying.

Taking longer to do something than is required is a form of lying.

Never lie to your child if you don't want him to lie.

Lead your child to accept Christ, Who Himself is the epitome and essence of truth, thus, your child will be "rooted and grounded in love" of the truth.

-Author Unknown

AN ARTIFICIAL RELIGION

Too many people have a religion that is just like an artificial leg. There is neither warmth nor life in it. It never moves of its own power. And although it helps them to hobble along through life, it never becomes a part of them. They have to strap it on every morning.

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- > TACT IS THE ABILITY TO CLOSE YOUR MOUTH BEFORE SOMEBODY ELSE WANTS TO.
 - > IF YOU THINK IT IS ALRIGHT TO TELL WHITE LIES YOU WILL SOON GROW COLORBLIND.
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SUNDAY'S LESSONS: Sunday morning: *"A Closer Walk with God: Decisions About Good and Evil!"* (text: 1 Peter 3:10-11); Sunday evening: *"Love Lessons from the Life of Ruth!"*

SCHEDULE: Our Fall Gospel Meeting will be July 29-Aug. 3, with Aaron Andrews.