

HOW TO LIVE THE LIFE YOU HAVE ALWAYS WANTED

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. JOHN 17:1-9 TNIV

1. TAKE TIME TO GET TO KNOW THE GOD JESUS REVEALED

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. JOHN 17:3 TNIV

I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. JOHN 17:6 TNIV

I have manifested Your Name [I have revealed Your very Self, Your real Self] to the people whom You have given Me out of the world. JOHN 17:6 AMP

2. PRACTICE LIVING THE LIFE JESUS LIVED

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. EPHESIANS 5:1-2 NLT

- Live a life of prayer

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- Live a life of service to God

I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. JOHN 17:4 TNIV

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many. MARK 10:45 NLT

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is true worship. ROMANS 12:1 TNIV

- Love your church like Jesus did

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Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. EPHESIANS 5:25 TNIV

3. BELIEVE LIKE JESUS THAT THE BEST IS YET TO COME

And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. JOHN 17:5 TNIV

In your relationships with one another, have the same attitude of mind Christ Jesus had: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human being, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11 TNIV