

... lives of CREDIBILITY ...



Thomas Jefferson said, *“Christianity has made one half the world fools and the other half hypocrites.”*

Mark Twain said, *“If Christ were here now there is one thing he would not be -- a Christian.”*

Glorifying Christ through lives of credibility and love for the community.

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WHAT DOES A LIFE OF CREDIBILITY LOOK LIKE?

WHEN YOU MESS UP, FESS UP!

The letter of 1 John was written to those “*who believe in the name of the Son of God.*” (1 John 5:13-NIV)

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives.” (1 John 1:8-10-NIV)

James 5:16, “*Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.*” (NIV)

“That is not a Christian is supposed to act.”
You will never look taller, than when you make yourself smaller!

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

John 13:3-5, “*Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under His power, and that He had come from God and was returning to God; so He got up from the meal, took off His outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around His waist. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around Him.*” (NIV)

CARRY YOUR CROSS

Jesus said, “*If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.*” (Matthew 16:24-NIV)

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† What is your Cross?

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HOW DO I HAVE A LIFE OF CREDIBILITY?

Live in Christ

We have to BE before we can DO!

Jesus said, *“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples.”* (John 15:5-8-NIV)

Remain (*meno*) to stay, dwell, to reside, to live in

Jesus said, *“The words I say to you are not just My own. Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing His work.”* (John 14:10-NIV)

Jesus said, *“The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.”* (Luke 6:45-NIV)

See like Christ

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Act like Christ

Mark 6:34, *“When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So He began teaching them many things.” (NIV)*

- When they were hurt, He healed them.
- When they were discouraged, He comforted them.
- When they were hungry, He fed them.
- When they were rejected, He touched them.
- When they were ignored, He listened to them.
- When they were thirsty, He gave water to them.
- When they were weak, He empowered them.
- When they were lost, He led them

John the Baptist asked, *“Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?” (Matthew 11:3-NIV)*

John the Baptist said, *“He must increase, but I must decrease.” (John 3:30-NKJV)*

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