

Live Like You Mean It!

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You say that you love the Lord...then live like you mean it!

Your walk, your talk, everything about you should scream to the world that you love the Lord.

Whenever the world looks at you, do they see you, or do they see the Lord? It's simple, we can't do everything that the world does. We can't say everything that the world says. We as believers, can't wear everything that the world wears. We can't even go everywhere that the world goes...why? Because to whom much is given, much is required. The world is looking for something different. Can we live like we mean it?

You say that you love the Lord...then love like you mean it!

The Bible tells us to love our neighbors as our selves. Christ tells us that the greatest gift of all is love. We as believers can't pick and choose who we are going to love. We can't decide that because someone's beliefs may be different from ours that we can't show them love. We can't hold back the milk of human kindness because someone may not be walking as we think that they should. Jesus broke bread with anyone who needed to be shown the love of God and that was everyone He met! He even asked, why send a doctor to a well man? Sometimes the only message that will get across is love.

You say that you love the Lord...then act like you mean it!

The Lord says that all of our needs are met according to His riches in glory...so why are you sick with worry about a light bill that you can't pay? He says that by the stripes of Jesus we are healed...then why whenever someone asks you how you feel you run down all your aches and pains in one breath? The Lord says that everything that our hands touch will prosper...then why are you afraid to venture out and step into your blessing with the talents that God has blessed you with? He says that He has given us all the ability to create wealth. He says that the fruit of your womb is blessed...so why don't you trust Him to take

care of the children that He blessed you with?

You say that you love the Lord...then get up and praise Him right now like you mean it.

I know that you've heard this so many times before. How when the praises go up the blessings come down and that you don't wait to see the blessings, you praise Him right now! It never hurts to be reminded that we have to show the world a different way to do things. Maybe, just maybe if more people saw our hope in the Lord, that might help to cut down on the feelings of hopelessness that have become an epidemic in our nation. The economy may not turn around tomorrow so if this is where our hope is, we're doomed. But, who is going to show the world how to have hope if all of the believers are still crying in our milk?

You say that you love the Lord...then don't miss a chance to SHOW somebody about Him.

Now adays it's simply not enough to tell somebody how good God is, we have to show them. We have to project His mercy and His loving kindness. It's not enough just to say, "Child, I'll pray for you." Sometimes we have to dig a little deeper, meet the need, then pray. Sometimes we have go that extra mile of the way, then preach. Sometimes we have to actually make a meal happen, then teach.

Remember: TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN MUCH IS REQUIRED. It takes something special to be a vessel that God can use, but rest assured, the dividends are awesome. When God finds a willing vessel, He will constantly pour into you so that you can pour out to others. When God knows that He can trust you to meet a need, He will most assuredly meet yours...you can't give what you don't have. And God knows this.

Sometimes doing and saying the right thing is not the popular thing to do. But, as long as you are saying and doing the right thing, it doesn't matter. As long as what you do and say pleases the Father, it really doesn't matter who likes and doesn't like you. They couldn't stand Jesus, so you know that you will be in good company. If your actions pass the litmus

test with the Father, then you are good. And trust me, you will know whether they do or not!

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