

Don't Get Distracted From Jesus

Sometimes we ignore what we've been told is good for us. When we do it causes problems. Forgetting stunts our growth. Ignoring shakes our confidence. Jesus is the One who is good for us. We must put Him first.

Scripture(s): Colossians 2:8-15

Remember this - When Jesus is given first place in our life, we are protected from the things that would destroy us from the _____ out.

I. The first way that growing in Christ protects us from the hurt that the world's way brings is we serve One who _____ deserves such allegiance. Following Jesus is not about following a good teacher or great leader. It is about following _____.

1 John 1:1-2 1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life— 2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us—

II. The second way that growing in Christ protects us from the hurt that the world's way brings is we don't have to chase _____. Our success comes from what _____ has done and not what we can do.

John 1:16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

III. The third way that growing in Christ protects us from the hurt that the world's way brings is we know what _____ life is. Real life is about freedom from sin and coming to know God _____ in Jesus.

IV. The fourth way that growing in Christ protects us from the hurt that the world's way brings is the confidence of _____. What we fear becomes our _____.

Colossians 2:15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

Hebrews 2:14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

Implications:

1. When our life is about Jesus we can truly stop chasing the approval of people because we know we have already been _____ by God in Jesus.
2. Jesus releases us from the guilt and shame that the false _____ of the world give us.
3. We are invited by God to live everyday _____ because Jesus has defeated all that we fear.

How can we live this out?

Spend enough time with Jesus in His Word that you are confident of His opinion of you, and of what He has _____ for you.

Ask Jesus this week:

Am I truly living in the confidence that I have been fully forgiven and made right with God through You?

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