Living For Christ – Why I Want To!

Tony Mauck · Romans 12:1–2

INTRODUCTION

- I want us to go beyond that and talk about the kind of heart that a Christian ought to have that makes assembling natural. Not something you have to force yourself to do, but something you should want to do.
- This is the motto of the Christian, that wherever I am, I want to excel still more.
- It's not just our vision of God that lacks, it's also our vision of ourselves. How do you see yourself?

1 I Am a Saint

2 Timothy 2

- Believers, Christians were called saints, and it meant that we were sanctified or set apart or sacred unto God.
- We're vessels of honor, useful to the master. We have been set apart for this purpose.
- I come here because I am a saint. God has expectations of me.
- God, it seems, named us to redefine us, to give us a new identity to strive for as his people.

2 We Are Disciples of the Lord Jesus

Galatians 3:27; Matthew 11:28–29

- As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ, Galatians chapter 3 and verse 27, that means that I became his disciple.
- A disciple is a learner or a follower.
- If you want to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus, you have to study his will. He is an expert in life, in living, in wisdom, in values and relationships.
- Come unto me. Learn of me, he says, for I am meek and lowly of heart.

3 I'm a Citizen of Heaven

Philippians 3:20; Ephesians 2:1–6

- Paul tells the Philippians that in Philippians chapter 3 and verse 20, our citizenship is in heaven. Do you think about that? When you wake up each day.
- I know we're proud to be Texans. But how much more to be citizens of heaven?
- We were dead in our trespasses and sins, but now we've been made alive and we've been raised up to sit in heavenly places with Christ.

4 I'm a Brother in Christ

Romans 5:6; Hebrews 10:24–25

- I came into a relationship with other believers.

- I have responsibilities to you, and you have responsibilities to me, and people need to be encouraged. And that's why we're here.
- Two attitudes of the 21st century. And that is number one, I don't owe my brethren anything. And number two is likened to it. I am waiting on the brethren to serve me.
- What if Jesus said, I don't owe them anything? He did not owe us anything. He died for the ungodly.
- In what sense can you be an encouragement to someone else by your absence? When you have chosen the world over him.

5 I'm a Believer in God's Promises

Romans 12:1–2

- This book comes to us from God. And he makes exceeding magnificent and precious promises to us.
- I have never believed more strongly in the Bible than I do right now. Does your confidence in God's word increase by the day?
- Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds.
- When you live it, you prove it. Not because it needs me to prove it, but because its power and its efficacy is demonstrated when I live it.

THE CHALLENGE

Can you make that exclamation? Jesus is my Lord. The Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are my God. And I have given my allegiance to them. Living for Jesus. You should want to.

MY NOTES