

Goodness

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Sometimes I use to ask myself, "Why be good?" "I can't and will not experience any fun if I'm good. Everything good people do is boring at best. It's like the equivalence of living in a prison cell. The good times are beyond me."

That was my old train of thought. But ever since I let my guard down and accepted Christ into my life, my outlook on "being good" has been placed on a new set of tracks.

I have three basic justifications for establishing goodness in my personal atmosphere.

The first is "looking inside." Self-respect for a man/woman of faith comes from honoring the gift of life, something I used to take for granted. God has blest us with the gift of life and what we do with it is our gift to God. If we are careless and foolish with the habits we cultivate in our lifestyle, we put our entire lives in jeopardy. As a result, we are unable to fulfill the plan that God predestined for us. Any self-imposed physical damage limits our usefulness to God. Attentiveness for our bodies, as reflected in a healthy lifestyle, is a priority for believers who sincerely want to serve the Lord.

Next we have "looking at." Others are constantly watching everything we do, especially here in prison. Majority of them are critics who are curious to know if our faith is sincere. Do we live lives that reflect God's teachings? Does our faith work? Does God make a difference in the way we treat others? Do our lives reflect a sense of peace & contentment? Where's the joy?

Finally we have "looking down". Is God satisfied with our lives? Are ^{we} practicing righteousness? Believe it or not, we are all accountable to Him. One day, all of us will stand before Him in judgement and hear what He has to say about the way we conducted our earthly lives. I've made plenty of mistakes and poor judgements, but now that I have been exposed to the Truth, I feel it is my duty to clean up the clutter piled up in my life.

P.S.

I am seeking a pen-pal to reflect lives with. Feel free to write me at the address I've provided. 😊

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