

The 8th Day Message

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"Who do the crowds say that I am?" From this [question](#) asked of His disciples, it would seem that even Jesus was concerned about the type of reputation He had among the crowd! His disciples answered and said that some said He was John the Baptist, Elijah or some other great prophet of old, risen from the dead! "...But who do YOU say that I am?" Now Jesus got very personal, and wanted to know who His very own disciples thought He was. He was concerned about how his personal, close friends and associates thought of Him.

Who do people say that YOU are? What do your friends think of you? Do people even know you exist? If so, what do you exist for? Why are you here? Are you worth the air that you breathe? Are you worthy of the space you take up on planet Earth? Yes, friends, these are very personal, but important questions that you really need to know the answers to. Why? Well, there are many reasons why.

Now, those of you who are emotionally delicate and extremely sensitive please do not think for one minute that I'm suggesting that you rid planet Earth of your self! NO, NO, NO! I DIDN'T MEAN THAT!!! You are most precious and important to Creator-God, and He cares for every single creature He ever created, even the smallest creatures that we humans cannot see with our naked eyes. He loves us all no matter what we have done, and even if we do not serve Him or care that He exists. He cares very much that we exist.

No, He cares, but do you care that you exist, and if so, how do you know that you really care about your existence on this earth? There is so much violence, killings, murders, hatred--hatred because of the color of ones skin, race, religion, ethnicity, culture, the school one went to, the state, country or Island one is from; hatred for someone because of who they are friends with, or who they go out with or because of who someone married!

Why do you exist, and who do people say that you are? What are you known for? Good or evil? Happiness or sadness? Are you known for reconciling people or segregating them? Does your community know you? How do they know you? Do they know you for the good that you do in society, or do they know you as a selfish, cruel neighbor? Do children adore you and run to you, or do they run away from you? Is your life threatened all the time because you threaten other people's lives, or are people protective of you and your property because you look out for others in your community?

Who do your children/family members say that you are? How do they know you? Are you a loving parent/family member? Are you someone people miss when you are away, or are they glad whenever you leave? What type of reputation do you have within your family? Are you known as a forgiving person or not? Are you known as a kind and compassionate person or not? Do you show your family members that you care about their feelings, about their weaknesses, about their sensitivities?

When you die, what will people say about you? How would you like your eulogy to read? Will kind words be read about you or will there be few words read about you? Will people want to flock at your funeral to show respect to a person who has left a legacy of compassion, or will people stay away, because they don't want to "disrespect the dead?!"

Jesus said: "Let your light so shine before men, (people) that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." ([Matthew 5:16](#)) We were created for God's glory, and to be a blessing to mankind! If we live unto ourselves--and our family members--only, then we are not fulfilling the purpose or the reason for our existence.

There is so much more beauty to a person when they live to be of service to others, and when their love comes from "THE SOURCE," Creator-God. Only then can we truly live a selfless life. Yes there are many do-gooders who do not serve or acknowledge Creator-God, but at the end of their lives they will not be rewarded for the good that they do now. Creator-God is a God who believes in rewarding do-gooders. But too often the do-gooders who do good on their own--not powered by the love of Creator-God--live for and unto themselves, which means that the good that they do must and usually do have ulterior motives behind them. It makes them *look* good, and it may benefit those in need, but that's as far as their good goes. A do-gooder's good that is powered by the love of Creator-God, goes all the way to eternity! Now which one would you rather? To do good that reaches all the way to eternity or the good that only lasts until you die the natural death that comes to all of us humans?

[Click here](#) to see what St. Paul says about the way a good person, powered by the love of God, lives. Now [click here](#).

At the very end of life if we can say these [words](#) with St. Paul, then and only then will we know without a shadow of a doubt that our living was not in vain, that our existence was not futile, that our good--powered by the God of love--will make room for us in the heavenly courts of Creator-God Himself, and that one day we will see ALL the results of the good that we did while here on planet Earth. We will learn that it was the *life* we gave--and not the taking of it--that won us a place in heaven.

So, who do people say that you are? What does your family members think of you? These are important questions--and DON'T say that you don't care what they think, because deep down you do! CARE!!! It's so good for your health!

Make someone happy today!