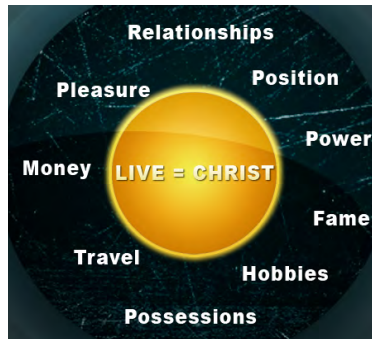


Philippians 1:19-26 "Living or Dying – We WIN!"  
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- For the Christ follower, living or dying – we win

*(Philippians 1:20-21) I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.*

- For me to live is \_\_\_\_\_



- 1) Keep **CHRIST** in focus – the center, the master passion

Hebrews 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- 2) Keep the **WORD** in focus – THE guide for ALL of life

*(Psalms 119:9-10) How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.*

*(Psalms 119:105) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.*

- The Word keeps us from straying and keeps us Christ centered

Psalms 119:35 NLT Make me walk along the path of your commands, for that is where my happiness is found

*(Romans 12:1, NLT) And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.*

Romans 12:2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think...

- 3) Keep **LIFE HERE** in focus – reach God's potential for you

- God's potential for every Christ follower - is to LIVE, minister, think, be, and DIE like Christ

*(Romans 8:29-30, NLT) For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn, with many brothers and sisters. And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And he gave them right standing with himself, and he promised them his glory.*

- Be bold and courageous – live life to the full

*(Philippians 1:22) If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!*

- Be fruitful and productive

*(John 15:16) You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.*

- **5 kinds of fruit – Godly character, witness, works, giving, praise**

*(Philippians 1:22-26) If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.*

#### **4) Keep OTHERS in focus – giving is living**

**Hebrews 3:13** But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

*(1 Thessalonians 5:14) And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.*

*(1 Timothy 4:13) Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.*

- **Giving is living, and living is giving**

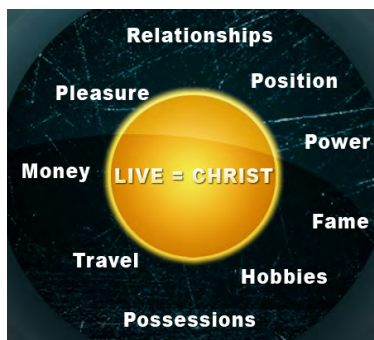
*(Philippians 1:21) For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.*

#### **5) Keep DEATH in focus – Heaven is better**

**Psalm 31:15 (NLT)** My future is in your hands...

**Psalm 31:15 (NKJV)** My times are in Your hand...

- **Christ makes life worth living and death better still**



**1 John 5:11-12 ... (God) has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life.**

*All Bible references are from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted. NLT = New Living Translation. NKJV = New King James Version.*