

# Live out your identity in Christ

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Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.”

JOHN 15:13-16

Each morning before we leave our homes, a mirror is involved to make sure that we are prepared for the day. We clean, dress and there is a final inspection before the day continues. When it comes to living out our identity in Christ, have we taken the same care in reflective evaluation? Has there been a time in prayer for the day and asking the Holy Spirit to reveal any unconfessed sin? The passage above lets us know that the believer has been chosen to bear fruit for the sake of the Gospel. He has called us “friend” and we are to demonstrate His love in every area of life. This involves action and not passive existence. We are to be a light for the Gospel in word and deed.

As we have prepared for the day, we can pause for evaluation as the sun goes down. Have we honored the Lord in every interaction? Were we ready for any Gospel conversation? Were we sensitive to the needs of others?

As Christians, we are not to have a “secret identity.” We bear His name and walk in the light.

## THREE CHALLENGES FOR YOU TO REFLECT ON TODAY:

- Pray early in the day to honor the Lord and be used for His glory.
- Stay open for all opportunities to share and serve.
- End the day with praise and reflection.

These habits of holiness will help us grow in Him and increase the capacity to bear fruit.

Praise the Lord!