

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY



A LIFE VERSE

Many Christians have certain Scriptures that 'speak' to them on a very personal level; a life-verse.

- What is a life verse?
- Do you have one?
- If so, why did you pick that verse?

Recognizing that a life verse is a verse that speaks something to you and by definition it's a verse about life, let's talk about a few possibilities.

(Read) Philippians 2:12-13, NLT

"Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him."

This verse is about our desire to live a life pleasing to God.

Would it make a good life verse?

- What do you think it means to please God?
- On a scale of 1 to 10 what's your level of desire to please God?
- What are some of the reasons and excuses we use to 'explain' why we can't or don't try harder to please God?
- Are any of these reasons valid?

(Read) Philippians 2:14-15, NLT

"Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Hold firmly to the word."

- One question; is it possible to live a life pleasing to God?

Here's the main point of this study. We should study the Scriptures. We should learn everything we can about living for Christ. And if you feel a life verse is important, you should have one. But don't the Scriptures boil down to two simple principles?

The first is the very foundation of our faith; we must be saved and salvation comes only through Jesus. Then what?

(Read) 1 John 4:16-17, NLT

“We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love.

God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face Him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.”

The second principle is this; once saved, we should live like Jesus in this world.

In closing, spend a few minutes talking about what it means to live like Jesus in this world.