

What Will You Say to God Before You Die

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I. Introduction.

- A. Jesus completed two great works: redemption and the training of men. (John 17:4; 19:30)
- B. Jesus loved the world, helped thousands and trained twelve.
- C. We are ambassadors for Christ, not tourists for Christ. (II Timothy 2:2)
- D. Text: II Timothy 3.

II. Doctrine.

- A. The bottom line of human experience is the character of God.
- B. The better we understand God through the Bible, the more we reflect His character.

III. Lifestyle.

- A. We must let people experience us the way we are. (I John 1:1)
- B. People are watching us to see if we are available.
- C. All we are expected to do is to teach, pray and model.

IV. Purpose.

- A. We need goals.
- B. Goals need to be realistic and attainable.

V. Faith.

- A. Every experience that we tend to characterize as negative is a test of faith.
- B. Pray Scripture for your life. (Galatians 5:22)
- C. Ask God to verify when you pray. (II Chronicles 6:17).

VI. Longsuffering and patience.

- A. There are more verses that say wait than go.

B. God is the one who gives increase, so we must wait.

VII. Love.

A. Take I Corinthians 13:4-8 and replace “love” with your name.

B. The Holy Spirit changes through love.

C. Sometimes we have to be uncompromising, but even the spirit behind toughness is love.

D. We love people into the kingdom.

VIII. Persecutions and suffering.

A. People will learn more about Christ seeing us deal with failure than success.
(II Corinthians 13:4, Philippians 4:13)

B. People need to see how we handle life when we fail.

Application questions:

1. Why is doctrine important?

2. What challenges do you face in becoming more vulnerable? How can you better face these challenges?

3. What promises can you claim for others? Find some Scripture to affirm these promises and write those verses below.
