

A Life of Mission for Christ - True Freedom

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Philippians 1:21

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

How comprehensive is your life and mission for Christ?

What part of your life is on mission for Jesus?

More to the point, what part of your life is NOT on mission for Jesus?

Paul's whole life was about two things:

- 1) A life of fellowship and worship of Jesus.
- 2) A life of mission for the proclamation of Jesus.

I believe that you are free in proportion to how much of your life is in devotion to Jesus and on mission for Jesus.

Paul would say in Philippians 1:21- That for him life was Christ! Everything. All of his life was now for one person, not Paul, but rather Jesus.

Practical Expressions of “Living is Christ” in Paul's life:

- 1) His whole identity and view of life

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- 2) His body and all things physical were for Christ's honor

Philippians 1:20

as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

- 3) His life vision and passion was Christ

Philippians 3:7-8

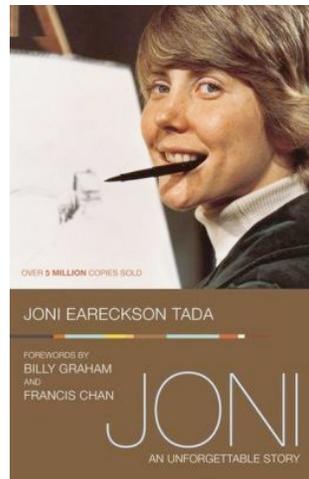
But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

4) Every circumstance in his life was for Christ

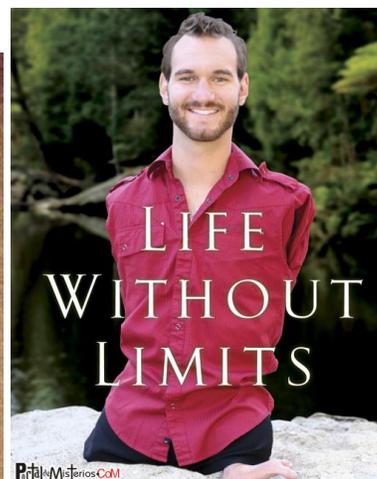
Philippians 1:12

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,

Joni Erickson Tada dives into the Chesapeake Bay where it is shallow and at age 18 becomes a paraplegic. She has now preached to millions of people bringing the gospel and encouragement to the suffering.



Nick Vujicic was born with no arms or legs. He found Christ and now travels the world preaching the gospel to millions.



Bridget grew up in the slums of Washington D.C. with 20 people crammed into a small apartment. She was abused by family members multiple times, began to drink and take pills at age 11, and was near suicide when she stumbled, hung over, into a church one Sunday morning and began a three- week process of accepting Jesus into her life. She now leads worship at her church and is headed to bible school.

How do you not waste this life?

By living a life of mission for Christ.

How do you not get distracted by success and stuff?

By living a life of mission for Christ?

How do you endure suffering, disappointments, and trials?

By living a life of mission for Christ.

How do I secure a peaceful death and eternal satisfaction?

By living a life of mission for Christ.