

Citizenship in the Kingdom

Worth It – Living The Worthy Life – Part 1

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We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way:

Colossians 1:9b-10a (NIV)

Worthy (axios) - deserving, in keeping with, corresponding to;
comparable, countervailing - Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18.
Suitable, due - Luke 23:41.

Two aspects of “living a life worthy of the Lord”:

1. Does how I live my life compare with the benefits? 🤔

Benefits of my citizenship:

- Forgiveness of sins - Colossians 1:12-13
- Glory - Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:16-17
- Reconciled to God - Colossians 1:21-23
- Eternal Life - Acts 13:46; Romans 2:5-8; John 3:16

2. How accurately does my life represent Jesus? 🙏

This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

1 John 4:17 (NIV)

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had,⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6 (NIV)

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

How do I “live a life worthy of the Lord”?

1. I choose real hope.

But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.

Colossians 1:22-23a (NIV)

2. I have multiple mission statements.

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:10-11 (NIV)

3. I (learn to) Live by the Spirit.

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16 (NIV)

Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:8 (NIV)

4. I examine myself regularly.

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?⁶ And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test.

2 Corinthians 13:5-6 (NIV)