



“The Power to Become”

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_____ **matter**
_____ we make today determine stories we tell...

What Does God Care About?

1. _____ **BEFORE** _____.

God’s will is for you to be holy... 1 Thessalonians 4:3 NLT

“holy” - *agios*. It means to be set apart. It means to be different
God wants you to become like Christ

God’s will is more about _____ you are than what you _____!

2. _____ **BEFORE** _____.

*You may think everything you do is right, but the Lord judges your motives.
Proverbs 16:2 GN*

2 reasons for doing something:

- 1. What _____ good.
- 2. The real _____.

*Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God?
Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people,
I would not be a servant of Christ. Gal 1:10*

You can’t get to the right place when you start with the wrong motives.
Won’t do the right _____ if you are driven by the wrong _____.

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of
the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col 3:17*

_____ you do— _____ you are— _____ Christ there!

God’s will is a _____ before _____ and _____ before _____.

Pleasing God isn’t a few big decisions.
It’s countless daily decisions of dying to self and following Christ.

If you’re becoming the right who, God will help you choose the right do.
If you’re driven by the right why, God will lead you to the right what.

(Decisions, Decisions, Who, Do, Who, Do, Why, What, Sounds, Reason, What,
Why, Whatever, Wherever, Serve, Who, Do, Why, What)

Memory verse: *“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all
in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through
him.” - Colossians 3:17*

My Next Step Today is...

- Memorize Colossians 3:17
- What’s one area of your life where you wish you knew what God wanted you to do? Are you more focused on choosing the right do, or becoming the right who?
- Think about what you’re asking God. Then, answer these questions: What do I really want, why do I want it, and will this cause me to become more like Christ?
- What’s your next step toward becoming the right who? When will you take it? Who will hold you to it?
- I want to talk to someone about receiving Christ as my Savior.

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