

What Will You Be Remembered For?

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Hebrews 3:5, "And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;"

Hebrews 11:4, "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh."

What can be said at your funeral? How will you be remembered and what will be remembered most about you? Will the preacher know you or will you be a stranger to God's people? It is hard for a preacher to have a funeral for someone when he doesn't know the person and whether he was saved or not. I have not found any funeral easy but it is harder when the deceased is not known to be a child of God. If a person is not saved, what comfort or hope can one have for him?

Everyone is known for something that he shows in his life. It might be that he is cheerful,

helpful, faithful, critical, lazy, or a host of other characteristics that is in his everyday life. The dominate actions will be what is remembered most about any person. Now is the time that we should consider what it is in our lives that will be remembered the most. What would we like to be remembered for? Will it be for something good, or something that is shameful?

Our families would take no comfort if we were remembered as being a hateful, fussy type of person. Rather, I would think that most would be ashamed for people to think of a family member that way. In the past I have witnessed someone who remarked about a person's family member and the fussy way they acted. The person was uncomfortable and, I think, embarrassed to hear this, even if it was true.

Moses, Abel, and other saints mentioned in the bible are remembered for faithfulness to God. It was not some isolated incident in their lives, but a way of life for them. That is the way to live, always living for the Lord and seeking his will. Such people are remembered with respect for the lives that they led. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are remembered for their dedication to God, and their trust

in him. There were two men, false prophets, who faced the fire of the furnace in Babylon and died in it. I don't think anyone remembers them unless you read Jeremiah 29:22. They were not men who lived lives of faith in God.

Daniel is remembered for going into the lions den, but it was for his faith and obedience to God that he was placed in the den. Judas is remembered for betraying the Lord for thirty pieces of silver. These and all other people have something that stands out in their lives that is thought of when their names are mentioned. This is true, not only of the people that we read of in the bible, but in history too. Then we need to remember that you, me, and everyone else has attitudes and actions that stand out in our lives that likewise mark us, either for good, or bad.

While it is important about what we are known for and will be remembered for, the most important thing is what God knows and will remember about us. Too often people are more concerned about man and what he thinks, than what God thinks about us. Now is the time to consider what we are known and will be remembered for. Live so that the memories will be good.

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