

## You Are a Living Testimony

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You fulfill your purpose to testify of God's goodness and to bring Him glory by living worthy of your true identity in all your relationships.

1. Testify of God's goodness.
  - a. By saying \_\_\_\_\_ to yourself.
  - b. By doing \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Seek for the glory of God.
  - a. God's glory refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ of His nature and character.
  - b. He intends for your \_\_\_\_\_ to make Him look glorious.
3. Live worthy of your true identity in all your relationships.
  - a. Live as God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Live as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*The Letter to  
God's Elect*



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A white rectangular card is pinned to a dark brown wooden surface with a light-colored wooden clothespin. A piece of natural twine is stretched across the top of the card. The card features the text "You Are a Living testimony" written in a dark red, cursive script.

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## **2 Corinthians 3:2-3**

You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men;  
being manifested that you are a letter of Christ,  
cared for by us, written not with ink,  
but with the Spirit of the living God,  
not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of human hearts.



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*By saying "no" to yourself.*

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# What are fleshly lusts?

Sexual Sins

Greed

Gluttony

Laziness

People Pleasing

Fleshly lusts are the selfish desires  
that wage war for the control and  
domination of your soul.

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Selfishness comes naturally;  
you do not have to do battle  
in order to give in to yourself.

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*By saying "no" to yourself.*

*By doing good to others.*

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**Matthew 5:16**

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

You testify to your Father's goodness when you allow His good character to visibly flow out from you to others.

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Peter assumes **you** are glorifying God,  
but God's intention is for you to go  
beyond personal worship and to lead the  
unbelievers around you to give glory.

**But what is God's glory?**

# Seeking God's glory

*God's glory refers to the perfections of His nature and character.*

# Aspects of God's glory that we can display

## Exodus 34:6-7

Then the LORD passed by in front of *Moses* and proclaimed,  
“The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;  
who keeps lovingkindness for thousands,  
who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin;  
yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished...”

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The way you behave in relationships reflects directly upon God and His gospel.

# **You are a living testimony.**

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Seek for the glory of God!

**Live worthy of your true identity  
in all your relationships.**

**Philippians 1:27**

Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy  
of the gospel of Christ.

**Live worthy of the gospel**

*Live as God's "Beloved".*

# Your true identity

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Embracing your identity as God's  
Beloved will radically change  
every relationship you have.

# Radical Change from True Identity

- Sexual sin is a search for significance, acceptance, intimacy...

**But you are God's Beloved!**

- Gluttony is a search for comfort, enjoyment, satisfaction...

**But you are God's Beloved!**

- People pleasing is a desire for acceptance, approval, love...

**But you are God's Beloved!**



# Live worthy of the gospel

*Live as God's "Beloved".*

*Live as aliens and strangers.*

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Living as an alien and stranger  
will mean living strangely  
and being alienated.

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**Luke 6:26**

Woe to you when all men speak well of you,  
for in the same way their fathers used  
to treat the false prophets.

If you never have worship-related tensions in your friendships with unbelievers, it may be because you are not fulfilling your purpose.

**2 Corinthians 5:20**

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ,  
as though God were entreating through us;  
we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

God intends for you to be a gospel letter written for the world in the ink of your life.

**Is your life a gospel letter?**