

**IT'S A
WONDERFUL**



**TIPS FOR YOUTH WHO SEEK
SUCCESS, APPROVAL,
PEACE AND DIRECTION**

This is an age of music, motion and money. It is an age of fads, fashions and fanatics. You really have to be “synced in” or else you aren’t going anywhere.

So they say!

This is a sharp, informed, linked, alert, educated age. If you sit still, you are apt to be run over and killed in the rush. You either go—or you’re a goner!

But where?—and why?

I asked some young people, your age, to level with me on a question. I asked, **“WHAT DO YOU WANT MOST OUT OF LIFE?”**

I expected a barrage of money—fun—freedom—liberty. But—no. These history makers obliged with frankness. They gave it to me with a heavy dose of sincerity and honesty.

Most of them said . . .

We want to be somebody!

***THAT’S SUCCESS**

We want to be liked!

***THAT’S POPULARITY**

We want to be happy!

***THAT’S PEACE**

We want to know where we’re going!

***THAT’S DIRECTION**

I got the message loud and clear.

I have only ONE BOOK with the answers—my BIBLE! I turned to John 14:6. Jesus

said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life...” Jesus is the Way-Maker, the Truth-Holder and the Life-Giver. Why look elsewhere?

I WANT TO BE SOMEBODY. The ladder of success is long, but I like to see young people with ambitions and aims. I’ll cheer you on when you set your goal toward the TOP. Being somebody is noble and natural.

But—knowing **SOMEONE** is more important!

You may have heard someone say, “It’s not what you know but who you know.”

If you meet and accept the right one, you are on your way UP—that’s success!

Jesus said, *“Come unto me...”* *“...I am come that you might have LIFE...”* *“...He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life...”* (Matt. 11:28, John 10:10, 5:24).

Life with a capital “L.” Knowing Christ and having real life go together. Life without Christ gets to be a “merry-go-round” when you live it just for yourself. It spins you into a senseless whirl. Christ gave Himself for you so that you may have life.

Knowing Christ, accepting HIM and getting somewhere in life make a great combination. Be sure that you are listed in God’s “WHO’S WHO” book—the book of LIFE.

I WANT TO BE LIKED. The signs of adolescence are usually topped by a sudden concern about, “What do others think of me?” Let’s not fool ourselves, we all try to make impressions. We want to be accepted. We brush our teeth, wear the right clothes, get the latest hair styles, and flash our best smile. Popularity—the desire to be approved. It runs a close second to the need for “belonging.”

But the “people popularity panic button” is pushed too often. Where do you stand with God? That’s important. God is the final word. Let’s get on the *inside* track.

But how?

God said, pointing to Jesus: “...*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him*” (Matt. 17:5). Jesus’ reply to you is, “*I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live*” (John 11:25).

That’s it!

Do as God says. Believe and receive His Son as your Saviour. You get LIFE and the approval of God.

One more thing!

The Bible says, “. . . *such as are upright in their way are his delight*” (Prov. 11:20b). That’s talking about GOD. Knowing what to do, and then doing it according to God’s

command makes you a wise son and daughter. “*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved*” (Romans 10:9).

Accepted by Number One—Heaven’s Supreme and Eternal Judge!

I WANT TO BE HAPPY. You can’t pursue happiness and catch it. You can’t buy it. Happiness does not depend upon what happens on the outside of you, but what happens on the inside of you—that I like!

Happiness and peace go together. You can’t log on to your computer and download it. It comes from inner possession!

Receive Christ into your life. Acknowledge your guilt of sin. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Come—commit—confess. Simple as A B C and as complete as the entire alphabet. Christ is our inner peace (Eph. 2:14, 15).

I WANT TO KNOW WHERE I’M GOING. Some so-called thinkers would say, “Pleasure is the chief end of man.” Others join in with, “Life is a lemon, so squeeze it for all you can get out of it.” Still others argue: “Everybody’s doing it.” But it doesn’t get you anywhere. It doesn’t last!

You’re tired of it, and want a way out.

I don’t blame you a bit!

What’s ahead?

Show us the way!

It’s not kids wading ankle deep in empty beer cans, upsetting cars, setting fires, smashing windows and throwing bricks—just for kicks. It is not the excess of evil or lack of love and law and mixed up morals.

That certainly can’t be the route that’s right! It is time to wake up to reality—and start living right. Life is too important to have a “no future” sign as your guide.

So, let’s upload the road map of dependability and reliability—the Bible. It is the Direction Book for youth who want life. “*Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life . . .*” (Matt. 7:14). “*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall DIRECT thy paths*” (Prov. 3:5, 6).

But, you say, “That broad way is expansive and attractive! Many travel it. It is crowded.”

Sure. One of the billboards on the broad way reads: “Everybody does it.”

We learn conformity almost from birth. Everyone is born an original but dies a copy. Whom you copy determines your destiny. The

tragedy is that so few choose their own way and goals. The crowd sweeps them along from the time they are able to think.

“Everybody does it.”

Really? There are thousands of young people—tens of thousands—who are different because they really have something to live for. Someone worthwhile to live like—Jesus Christ.

There’s nothing shameful about being different. The men who have led the world have all been different from the crowd. They were men willing to stand out. They were different. Notice, I said different—not odd!

Get off the band wagon of “everybody does it.” It’s heading in the wrong direction.

At your invitation, Christ will come to live in your life, bringing with Him a freshness, a joyous newness of life that will set you free from being just another statistic, a mere number in the crowd.

Life without Christ is a hopeless jigsaw puzzle.

Life with Christ is **SUCCESS—APPROVAL—PEACE—DIRECTION.**

Life in Christ is available to those who will take it.

Life in Christ is longer than time. It is eternal!

God is only a prayer away. *“Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD; and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon”* (Isa. 55: 6, 7).

YOU settle your own destiny in life.

GOD has provided a way—
JESUS CHRIST.

HEAVEN is yours.

SALVATION is a free gift.

YOU decide what you want.

MY ADVICE: “Take it today . . .
without delay.”

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