



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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WHAT WILL THEY SAY ABOUT ME?

Just as you, I have attended several funerals recently of friends & family, as well as, brothers and sisters in Christ. Leading up to the memorial, we often read a snippet of our loved one's life in the local newspaper. The last several weeks has lead me to this question, "What will they say about me?"

Will they say I believed Jesus Christ is the King? **John 18:37** says *"Pilate therefore said to Him, 'Are You a king then?' Jesus answered, 'You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.'"*

Will they say I was obedient to the Lord by my love for Him? **John 14:15** tells how we demonstrate our love for the Lord. *"If you love Me, keep My commandments."*

Will they say I was faithful to God's Kingdom by my actions? **I Corinthians 15:58** tells us to constantly strive to expand the borders of the Kingdom, *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."*

Will they say I was a fruit bearer by teaching God's will to others? **II Timothy 2:2** directs us to teach, *"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."*

Will they say I was a good example for my family and those around me by walking in the light? *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*

Someday will be the last day for all of us. My obedience to Jesus Christ and my submission to the will of the Father will determine what they will say about me. Nothing anyone can say will matter if I haven't lived a Christian life!

Allen Jones

UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment is living without a job or without work to be completed. The national unemployment rate as of July 2, 2015 was 5.3% according to a study released by the U.S. Department of Labor. That 5.3% is roughly 8.3 million people in the United States currently living without a job or without work. The unemployment rate for the state of Kentucky for June 2015 was 5.1% with an estimated 102,000 people without work.

The work of the Lord's church is always abounding. We as Christians are called to be working for the Lord at all times. The concept of unemployment should be a foreign concept to those within the church. I have heard it said many times, "There should never be an unemployed Christians within the church because of all the work that there is to be done."

I Corinthians 15:58 reads, *"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."*

The concept of *"always abounding in the work of the Lord"* is something that we should all consider. Teaching, praying, encouraging, listening, giving, sending cards, helping those in need, evangelizing, visiting, and many more things are works that need to be accomplished by members of the church.

"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. **(Ephesians 4:15-16).**

When we are all working and doing the works of the Lord's church, the body will grow. We all must get involved and get to working so the body will grow! The number of unemployed within the church should be 0%!

Nick Pace