

Fame (Notoriety = Worth)
John 21:18-22

Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? *You must follow me.*" —John 21:22

1. Celebrity Worship is a corruption God's good intention

"He has also set eternity in the hearts of men." —Ecclesiastes 3:11

In Creation—human life.

In the Recreation—Christian life

2. Celebrity worship is a thief.

"When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?" —John 21:21

- **Robs us of True community** and relationships
- **Robs us of real life experiences**, and
- **Robs us of the value of being** who God made us to be.

3. Celebrity Worship is a liar.

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. —John 1:46

Lies of Fame:

- **You are not important until you're famous**
- **Notoriety makes good role models.**
- **Money, power, medals and exposure are the measures of worth.**
- **Only people found on a Google search, TV, or a Magazine cover matter.**

Truth #1—Yes, Something good can come from Nazareth! (John 1:46)

Truth #2—Publicity carries no real value. (Matthew 6:1)

Truth #3—God looks on the heart rather than outward appearances. (1 Samuel 16:7)

Truth #4—Following Jesus Christ has little or nothing to do with being famous. (John 21:22)

Truth #5—Our true worth is determined by God's love for us. (Romans 5:8)

How do we stay true to Jesus while living in this Celebrity worshipping culture?

Church:

1. Celebrate a certain **kind** of celebrity

2. **De-idolize** the idols.

Personally:

1. Follow **Jesus**

"For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you". —John 13:15
(1 Peter 2:21)

2. Follow **Godly** examples, known (to and by) and tested.

"Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us." —Philippians 3:17 (2 Thessalonians 3:7, 3:9)

3. **Be** an Example to follow.

"Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe." —1 Timothy 4:12
(Titus 2:7, 1 Peter 5:3)

Be all God made you to me. *"You must follow me."*—John 21:22

Be the best reflection of Jesus in your unique life.

"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory."—2 Corinthians 3:18

Be yourself; you are worth more to God as yourself than anyone else.