

“Nothing To Prove”

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INTRODUCTION

1 John 2:12-14 is a beautiful exhortation to the Church; it is a reminder of what it is we have been given as children of God. The tension is this: Is it what we do that defines us or is it what God has already done for us through Jesus Christ?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS-Read 1 John 2:12-14

1. Can you relate to Rocky, the boxer who feels he has to prove something to the world? Have you ever had this thought: “If I accomplish this goal, then maybe I will be something or somebody important” Share some of those times.
2. Why is it that our functional theology is more like Batman’s quote: “it’s what you do that defines you”? Who are you trying to please? What are you trying to prove to when you think this?
3. While we maybe tempted to prove ourselves, if it were only our efforts we would come up short before God every time. Do you actually believe that it is what Jesus has done is more important than what you have done? How can you remind yourself of this simple but significant truth?
4. In battling sin, how does this passage from 1 John help us? Can you recall a time when you were defined by your failure to keep sin at bay? How does 1 John 2:12-14 change that thinking?
5. A wise man once said: “Perhaps you do not trust God enough because you trust your self too much” When have you been tempted to trust more of your ability to do something rather than resting in God’s grace and His power to do something?

CLOSING THOUGHTS

We are all tempted to trust in our own ability to do and maintain a good image. While hard work and doing is good, we realize that it is not of any of our efforts that gives us free standing before God. Children-you are free, youth-you are strong, adults-you know Him. Only because of Jesus Christ our Savior who changes everything about our beings. My identity is in Him alone. Your identity is in Him alone. Let us walk in that as a family.