

Blog: What Is A New Day

It took a long time to figure this one out.

What Is Every New Day:

Any day we wake up, makes the entire day a success!

Everything after that is an adventure with the Lord!!

Let's look at these two ideas together.

Any day that we wake up is a success!

- We are taught that it's up to us to make each day a success. What if success is what we all start with every new day? Some of us will jump to the idea, "Ok, I can go with the thought that each new day is a success, but then it's our responsibility to keep it that way."
- What if that's not true? Consider how difficult, or impossible it is for us to manage all our daily circumstances to ensure each day is a success! Doesn't that cause our perspective on the day to be dictated by circumstances we cannot control? An alternative is to adapt our definition of success to match the circumstances of each day.
- So, what is success? This might be different for each of us. My dad used to say, "success is having a goal and taking a new step to achieve it". Someone else might say success is doing the best you can within the circumstances. We all might have a different perspective on the definition of success.
- If, however, success is not a "what", but instead it's a "Who", then the whole meaning changes. We are a success because we exist within Jesus Christ, and because of that fact each new day is a success. Jesus is Success. No questions, and no conditions. So, our day is a success no matter what the circumstances might be or how we perform.
- With Jesus as our Life any mistakes are already forgiven. Now that's an eternal success. It doesn't mean our disobedience has no consequences. We don't escape the results of us ignoring, or disrespecting the authority of God.
- The greatest success any human eternal being can experience is to be eternally alive in Christ. That success is greater than any circumstance within our daily experiences. In fact, each day for those of us who follow Jesus is a resounding success when we wake up, when we go to sleep, and even if we don't wake up!

Everything after that is an adventure with the Lord!!

- If we have a personal relationship with God through Jesus, His Son, then everything else can be an adventure. If, however, that relationship doesn't exist for some of us then the dynamics of our day change completely.
- If we know Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God, then each moment holds the opportunity of an adventure with the Lord. By letting go of our self-selected authority over daily experiences,

we can discover the opportunity to be truly free. By letting Jesus lead us through the nuances of our daily circumstances each moment can be a God-centered adventure for each of us.

- Isn't one characteristic of an adventure not really knowing what will happen next? We might feel there is risk involved because we've given up our control to Jesus. Also, we realize there are still unknown aspects of our circumstances. This can add a measure of excitement for us. In fact, letting go of our trust in anything we know, and trusting Jesus to guide our thoughts while using everything we know, and more, can be more exciting than any other possible adventure.
- With Jesus, we don't have to know the end, we just need to let Him show us what to do right now. Anything more than that is just icing on the cake. Only the Lord knows the best way to use all the skills, talents, and information we each possess. He also is best at knowing when that knowledge should be used.
- If we don't pay attention to the Lord, then we are running blind, even though we think we're in control and can see clearly. We essentially are living like a person who does not have Jesus dwelling within them, by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. That's like driving on the darkest night, in the middle of an unknown nowhere with your headlights off even though they work just fine. Not very bright! (pun intended)
- Going on adventures with Jesus can make for a truly exciting day. We don't know what may come next, but we know we can trust the Lord Jesus Christ completely. He will never fail to lead us toward the best eternal outcome within any set of circumstances. This doesn't mean He controls all our circumstances, but God's best is the adventure we share with Jesus always, and in all ways.
- The Lord will work in, and through each one of us to make sure our thoughts and actions are the best He has for us within any of our circumstances. In this way we can share one adventure after another with the Lord without anxiety. Remember, there is nothing better for any of us than God's best!
- What are any of us going to do next? Well, that's our next adventure with the Lord!