

## I Corinthians 6:14 What Is The Good Life? 11/17/2024

**Question:** Have you ever passed by people on the road, or in a crowded store, or other places and wondered, "What world does that person lives in; in their mind?"

What might he be living for?

Do they really know Jesus Christ?

Some may want what Paul wanted more of in his life.

**Philippians 3:2-14** Paul had lived a style of Stoicism under a religious banner, but then he met Christ, and began to be transformed. His eternal identity satisfied him, and will us also when we come to know Christ and then walk with Him. Jesus has the blueprint for your life! He put no confidence in his old self-focused life!

**Ex.** Truman Hutchinson revealing how terrible he was before meeting Christ. His wife objected, saying he was a good man even before meeting Christ. He said, "Anybody can act right for the sake of getting along in society, but I was dead inside and did not know what love was till I met Jesus!"

The Corinthians were influenced by the philosophy of the **Greek Stoics**. A view that calls for self-sufficiency; show no incompleteness; only have hope in yourself and what can be accomplished by your own grit. After a while, stoicism will fail you.

**Contrast - Matthew 5:6** "Blessed (at spiritual advantage) are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." Open, honest, showing a need for a real relationship with God. Wanting to please God.

**Text: I Corinthians 4:6-14**

Paul makes a contrast between the apostles (and any mature believer),  
and the carnal-minded believers of Corinth.

**Question:** Where were the Corinthians in their minds at this time?

**I Cor. 4:6-8** (I John 2:15-17, Revelation 3:14-22)

**Question:** What did Paul and the apostles “appear” to be?

**4:9-10** “ Last, condemned to death, a spectacle, fools, weak, without honor, scum of the world, dregs of all things,” in the sight of the world.

**A heavy irony here.** The Corinthians **were not** any of these things listed (filled, rich, kings, prudent, strong, distinguished). The apostles **were not** these things listed in the eyes of God.

**4:11-13** The real condition of the apostles!

Ex. “GOOD, GOOD LIFE” Audio Adeline 1999 “Under Dog” Album

**4: 14** Get out of your own head and see how things really are. Look at the sacrifices made to give you the truth! Wake up! Give up the misery of a self-focused life!