



Monday Matters

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Years ago, before many of you reading this post were born, there was a television show called "This Is Your Life." It was originally hosted and produced by Ralph Edwards. The show was an American documentary broadcast on NBC television from 1952 through 1961. In the show, the host surprises a guest, and proceeds to take them through their life in front of an audience, including special guest appearances by colleagues, friends and family.

Edwards would surprise the honoree at some location other than in the studio and with microphones and cameras. They would make their way back to the studio during the first commercial break. Once inside the studio Edwards would open a huge red book which he seemingly would read from during the rest of the evening providing details of the honorees life.



It is always interesting to reflect on one's life, to see those special events and think about the successes one has had.

Maybe as one gets older one starts to think about the days that are left. During the past couple of weeks I've been thinking not so much about the past as I have the future.

Ralph Edwards would open that big book filled with life happenings, events and successes from the person's past. I would like to open my book with blank pages and look to what's ahead in my

life. I could fill those pages with anything. It might include plans for obtaining wealth. It might be to add more animals on the farm. It could be developing plans to start a business.

If you are a follower of Christ, what you put on those blank pages could be something entirely different. In Colossians 3, verses 1 and 2, it talks about the life we had and then the new life in Him. It says: "So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ-that's where the action is. See things from his perspective." (MSG)

It is time to dream about the things He has put into your hearts and minds. It is time to take those blank, empty pages of your life ahead and start writing the things He is doing to you and through you. We can look at all the great things that have happened to us in the past but it will not last forever. It is the things we do for Him that will truly last.

In my remaining years on this earth, I want to look up and pursue the things over which Christ presides. I want to look to the future, to what is ahead and fill the blank pages left in my life with things that will matter, with things that will last.



Story of My Life
ThePianoGuys

**"Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only
what's done for Christ will last." - C.T. Studd**

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