

“Consistently Honorable”

2 Thess. 1:11-12

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

The other day I heard a riveting message given by my friend Ravi Zacharias. Ravi was talking about the importance of integrity in the Christian life—especially in ministry. He underscored something we tend to forget: all that we do represents the God who owns us. Let me say that again. Ravi underscored that all that we do represents the God who owns us. As he concluded his message, I found myself examining my heart and actions to see if there is any careless, selfish behavior that would dishonor God. I discovered a few things, and I asked God to help me live a more honorable life.

I like that word honor. It has to do not just with integrity but the concept that everything underneath the surface supports what I do publicly. In other words, the internal part of me does not tell lies about my performance.

That's what 2 Thessalonians chapter 1 verses 11 and 12 are all about; “To this end also we pray for you always, that our God may count you worthy of your calling and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, in order that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

In other words, Paul says, “Look, I'm praying for you. I am praying that what you do will bring honor and glory to God, not only in terms of your outward performance, but in terms of your heart as well. That there is clarity, sincerity, and purity in your motives.”

Here's what I want you to remember today. We do not have the right to live any way we choose. We are related to the Lord Jesus and so what we do and who we are must honor God the Father.