

## **“What You Do Really Matters,” by Dr. Chris Jones**

I recently wrote a 30-day devotional, *Quantum Pearls: Finding Spiritual Wisdom in the Mundane Moments*. Each daily devotional has a Biblical scripture that is followed by a personal story and some lesson I have gained from the scripture and story. Today's column is taken from *Quantum Pearls*.

I'm a Christian, but you don't need to be a Christian (or religious at all for that matter) to gain wisdom from scriptures and stories. Here goes...

### **What You Do Really Matters!**

- Passage 1: Philippians 1:27. Whatever happens, conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.
- Passage 2: Proverbs 20:11. Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right.

I am a huge fan of movies. I love action movies, like *Die Hard*, *The Matrix*, *Gladiator*, and *Avengers: Endgame*. I love dramas, like *The Shawshank Redemption*, *Remember the Titans*, *The God Father*, and *Lean on Me*. I even enjoy love stories, like *Love & Basketball*, *Titanic*, *Ghost*, and *Jerry Maquire*. I just love movies.

To me, there is something about watching a person take on the role of a character and really “become the part”. It is amazing. In fact, there are actors who I adore, simply because I adore the characters they play. There are also actors who I totally despise, simply because I despise the characters they play. There is also something about watching a plot unfold. From the introduction to the conflict, to the climax, to the resolution, I love it all.

However, there is a trend in movies. If you begin to watch closely, you'll notice it. In most movies, the main characters (both good and bad) do things that are immoral and inexcusable. Unfortunately, the movie typically leaves this part unaddressed. They settle for resolution of the big issue and ignore dealing with the immoral and inexcusable acts of individuals. It's as if they are almost saying to us, “Who cares about what you do, it's not a big deal” or “The truth does not matter” or “The ends justify the means”.

This could not be further from the truth. What we do DOES matter. TRUTH DOES MATTER. Both in our personal and professional lives, TRUTH DOES MATTER.

Both Paul and Solomon (in the scriptures above) admonish us to watch what we do because it DOES MATTER! Let's not be like those characters in movies we watch. Let's live according to a higher standard. Let's do this because WHAT YOU DO REALLY MATTERS!

I end the devotional by asking "If you were a character in a movie, would someone look at you and say, "They have unresolved immorality and it's inexcusable"? Why or why not?

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