



Sermon Notes: A Beautiful Life

1. The Who: Identity.

- a. You're loved by God.

- b. You're not home yet.

2. The What: Calling.

- a. Negatively: Stay away from worldly passions.

- b. Positively: Do beautiful deeds.

3. The Why: Purpose.

- a. An intrinsic reason: Worship.

- b. An instrumental reason: Witness.



Gospel Applications: A Beautiful Life

1. What words do people in our culture commonly use to describe Christians? What are some things about Christians that are least attractive to them? What are some things about Christians that are most attractive to them?
2. Choose a couple pejorative/negative words from #1. In your estimation, are these perceptions fair and accurate? Why or why not? Right or wrong, on what do you think these perceptions are based?
3. What did you learn simply by answering questions #1-2? What are your observations/reflections?
4. What kinds of things do you instinctively think of as “passions of the flesh”? After this message, what are some other things you would include? Why is it important to include this second category of things?
5. What are some practical ways to abstain from (or stay away from) the things you listed under question #4?
6. Many actions are technically “right” but not beautiful. Give some examples. How does this distinction help you think differently about faith and ethics?
7. Make up your own case study based on questions #1-2, 6. State a situation where Christians are wrong or at least perceived as wrong. What are some specific, practical ways we could live more beautifully around this topic?
8. What are the strengths and weaknesses of “lifestyle evangelism” – where you live with intentionality and winsomeness in front of non-Christians in order to *show* them the Gospel?
9. Some Christians tend to focus on being “right,” while others tend to focus more on being attractational. Which way do you lean, and why? What are some reasons more Christians don’t instinctively do both simultaneously?
10. What are some specific things you need to change or add to your everyday life in order to live a more intentional, beautiful, attractive life?