

What Will Your Marker Say?

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Everyone wants to be remembered after this life is over. So, certain things are written upon his tombstone as an epitaph to him or her. Just what would you like to see on your stone? Let us notice some epitaphs that could have been written upon the stones of well-known people of the past. Especially well-known Biblical characters:

Possible Good Epitaphs

JESUS – “The Christ, the Son of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16).

DORCAS – “She was full of good works and charitable deeds” (Acts 9:36).

ABRAHAM – “The Friend of God” (James 2:23).

ENOCH – “And Enoch walked with God” (Genesis 5:24).

DAVID – “A man after God's own heart” (Acts 13:22).

PAUL – “For me to *is* Christ, and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21).

But let us take time to consider some epitaphs that might have been written upon the stones of evil people:

Possible Bad Epitaphs

JUDAS ISCARIOT – “Judas, Who betrayed Jesus” (Matthew 26:25).

THE RICH MAN WITH A GREAT HARVEST – “Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?” (Luke 12:20)

THE RICH MAN WHO SAW LAZARUS DAY BY DAY – “Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented” (Luke 16:25).

DEMAS – “Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world” (2 Timothy 4:10).

ALEXANDER THE COPPERSMITH – “Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.” (2 Timothy 4:14).

How we live will long out live how long we lived. Our epitaphs will be determined by what we do or do not do in our lives here upon earth. What will your epitaph say? We are told in Hebrews 11:4, that “Abel . . . being dead still speaks.”

We are also told in Revelation 14:13, “. . . ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.’”

In looking at a headstone indicating the birth and death of the person who lies there, do you ever stop to realize that the most important thing engraved there is not the two numbers indicating birth and death, but the *dash* between the numbers that indicate the number of years the person has lived upon this earth. Yes, the most important thing to be remembered is *the type of life* he lived upon the earth!

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