

Devotion

A Two-Minute Thought by Eric

What lengths have you gone to in order to try and be someone else? When I was a kid, I wanted to be just like MacGyver. I had the white Nike high-tops with the tongue flipped out in front of my jeans, a Swiss Army knife, a love for Jeeps and science, and a mullet. Now that's devotion! Given the resources of a 12-year-old, I was about as "MacGyver" as I could be. As an adult, I look back a chuckle when I think about that. But as an adult, I sometimes ask myself, "Who do I want to be and how can I get there?"

Do we yearn to have plastic surgery to "freshen up" our appearance (to be someone we used to be...), weight lift for hours a day in order to look like The Rock (to be someone we can't be...), or spend an exuberant amount of time and money to dress and look like Britney Spears (well, maybe not a good example right now...). All of these things require a good amount of devotion in order to accomplish that goal. Just imagine if we applied that same devotion - that time, effort, commitment, and energy - in order to impel God's kingdom and simply be happy with who we were created to be in the first place?

Don't get me wrong: it's important to be healthy and strong. But too many people have aspirations for things of this world and spend too little time focusing on eternity. What if we modeled our lives after the one man who walked a sinless life? What if we made His ministry as important to us as it was to Him? Answer: Our superficial worldly aspirations would simply disappear. Our 80 (plus or minus) years on this earth is NOTHING but a pinprick on the time line of eternity. We would simply look back at our "old life" and chuckle at how silly we were.

So, are you devoted to your 80 years or eternity?