

# The Three Most Important Things To Get Up For in the Morning

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—Isaiah 48:18

## 1. To \_\_\_\_\_ Christ

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—Mark 12:30

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“More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.”  
—Philippians 3:8-10

### Three types of knowledge:

- Knowing \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.
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## 2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ Christ

“And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.”  
—1 Corinthians 11:1 (NLT)

“Your attitude should be the same as Christ Jesus.”  
—Philippians 2:5

## 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ \_\_\_\_\_

“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”  
—Matthew 4:19

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear. It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.”  
—Philippians 1:12-18

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The only way to \_\_\_\_\_ one, and \_\_\_\_\_ the other, is the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1 Timothy 2:5)

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Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. What are some things that have gotten you up in the morning in the past?
2. How do you feel you could get to know more about Jesus? Know Jesus better personally? Know Jesus better experientially?
3. Where, or with whom, do you find it hard to be like Jesus? In what area have you recently made progress in being like Jesus?
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