

# Live Life 'In Front of Jesus'

✖ I'm often asked, "What is the *one thing* above all others that is a leader's priority?" My answer has little to do with personal gifts or professional skill. But it is the thing that will become the foremost reason people will trust and follow you and the reason God will put His seal of approval on you. The one thing is integrity of heart.

Leaders with integrity of heart listen to the Holy Spirit's whispers, yield to His slightest "pings" of conscience and submit to His goads of correction or direction. It is found and sustained by daily choices of a conscience that *yields to*, and a conscientiousness that *abides in*, this sobering and inescapable truth: Every moment, I am *naked and exposed* in front of Jesus (see Heb. 4:13).

That I should live my life "in front of Jesus" is the counsel my mother engraved upon my heart as a child. It was never used to condemn, but spoken to teach me to live self-confronted by that reality. It has never produced perfection in me, but it has provided life-long protection from self-will, presumptuous indulgence or presumed self-righteousness. To live your life in front of Jesus will keep you on the sure course unto life, the pure path of love and in the securing fold of truth.

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