

Living in Reverse

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Recently I had a friend tell me about an accident he had. The accident was not major, but he did back into the car that was behind him. When I asked him what happened, he simply said, “I didn’t mean to go in reverse.”

In most aspects of our lives, we never mean to go in reverse; we always want to go forward: a better job, a better life, better physical health. Just consider how much time we spend talking with others about moving forward in life as opposed to moving backward. We desire to go forward instead of in reverse. However, as Christians, God calls us to live our lives in reverse.

Paul said, *“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will”* (Romans 12:2). Instead of living life like the world, Christians are to live differently, in reverse. We shouldn’t conform to the pattern of those around us, but transform into what God wants from us.

The will of God desires moral and spiritual growth on our part, to become what He wants us to be and not what the world wants us to be. As Christians, we are to live according to God and His standard, which generally means we live in reverse of the world around us. Consider a few ways we can accomplish this:

1. Stand up to sin when others bow down to sin.
2. Speak up against sin when others have shut up because of sin.
3. Kneel down before God when others run away from God.
4. Guard our hearts and minds and keep them pure when others have given up their hearts and minds for impurity.
5. Become godly men and women when others have become ungodly men and women.

As a believer and follower of Christ, our lives should look quite different than most of the people around us. While others are focusing on earthly things, we should be focusing on the eternal.

Does your life look different? Are you living in reverse?