

A PERPETUAL SUPERSTAR -- WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ONE?

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We may have met multiple celebrities and followed their careers.

These could have been athletes, world leaders and politicians, actors and actresses. We have likely worked for companies led by some very important and powerful people and became awestruck by their personalities, their ability to get things done and their star power.

As the expression goes, all these individuals can appear to us as bigger than life. We may have also aspired to become an important icon like them someday.

Yet what becomes distressing is how such individuals often fade from the scene so quickly. Those we looked up to as a teenager are no longer around twenty years later.

The athlete no longer has the moves. The actor or actress no longer has the looks. The world leader or politician is replaced in the next political election. Big corporate personalities step down and retire. The great personalities of our world also die.

How can someone reach the top and stay there? Can we become a legend?

Some choose to name streets, buildings or hospital wings after themselves in the hope of never being forgotten. Others engage in social and other causes so that they can develop prestige and recognition in another way. They want to have as many complimentary lines recorded about them as possible, in the history books.

But in the end, remaining in the public eye is a losing battle. New personalities come on the scene and the shining stars of prior years are hardly remembered. It is a continual cycle of change: *Ecclesiastes 1:4 (NKJV) One generation passes away, and another generation comes; but the earth abides forever.*

However, when we consider all this, is another perspective overlooked? Is there a means to be always remembered and remain a superstar?

Throughout the generations, there has been a certain group of people who suffered and died in order to become superstars forever. They saw any difficulties in this life as just temporary hurdles on the road to greatness,

Few want to hear and accept Jesus' gospel message, but it was about a coming kingdom of God, within which the resurrected saints would live and rule in, forever. There would be no slowing or stepping down, no

getting old, no subsequent replacement with someone else, but a perpetual existence of full and exciting activity.

True Christians have fought for superstar status throughout the centuries. They realized that temporary setbacks and a lack of sufficient recognition in this life, is rather meaningless when compared to the permanent superstar status available within God's future kingdom.

They sought to develop the character of God which is not normally part of the fabric of those who aspire to be superstars today. It is not about receiving acclamation for its sake, as some stars seek today. Superstar status comes from the quality and result of one's existence, and the results will be permanent.

So are you willing to become a perpetual and true superstar? Are you willing to develop the quality of a great and respectable leader?

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