

# Do You Believe?

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## Thesis:

Does Your Life Prove That You Believe God?

## Introduction:

### Knight's Tale Movie Clip -

As a boy, William Thatcher was given to a Knight by his father, in the hopes that he would change his life for the better. He encouraged him to follow his feet home. William daringly made the choice to live his life differently than the world around him. He dared to become "Sir Ulrich von Liechtenstein", a Knight. This was unheard of, yet he accomplished it and bettered his life, as well as, his companions lives. He remembered his father's words and followed his feet home in to the loving arms of his father.

## I. Once Alienated From the Life of God?

### (Ephesians 4:18)

having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;

### (Colossians 1:21)

And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

## II. Identified as Sojourners and Citizens of the Household of God?

### (I Peter 2:11)

Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

### (Ephesians 2:19)

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

## III. But...Do You Believe God?

### (Luke 24: 9 – 11)

9 Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles.

11 And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.

### (John 12:46)

I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

### (Hebrews 10:39)

But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

**(Mark 9: 14 – 27)**

14 And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them.

15 Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him.

16 And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?"

17 Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit.

18 And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."

19 He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me."

20 Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

21 So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?"

And he said, "From childhood.

22 And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

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25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"

26 Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead."

27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

**Conclusion:**

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