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Isaiah 62:12

"They shall call *the people of God*, "the holy people, the redeemed of the LORD." And you shall be called, "Sought out, a city not forsaken." Isaiah 62:12

A quote from a bumper sticker – "I like your Christ. But I don't like your Christians. They are nothing like your Christ." (Author unknown).

People know when someone is living like a Christian, don't they? There is an obvious comparison, a clear distinction between how they live, talk and act, and this one who loves Jesus. If there isn't a clear difference, something is askew. To carrying the name of Christ – Christian – is the call to live the life He lived, to talk like He talked and to act like He acted! To carry the Name and live like the devil is serious stuff – it may even border on blasphemy!

While your example of living a godly life may not initially be attractive to the sinner, at some point when he is in need, when he is in a hard place, when he faces eternity – we may call, at his point of felt need – he will seek you out. Your previous witness at this moment will be remembered. Your words will resound in his ears. Your example will remind him of the goodness of our God!

Therefore, live godly – people are watching you. Talk godly – people are listening to you. Love largely – the hardest of sinners wants to be cared for and accepted.

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