

## *Showing Up*

Intro: I was reading a book by the father of Bill Gates Jr. entitled “Showing Up For Life”. As well as raising the Microsoft genius, he and his wife raised two daughters. All three are very involved, socially conscious people. He was asked how they did it. How did you teach them to be so involved? No profound answer was given. His answer: We taught them to “show up”.

1. A life of “showing up” is the essence of a successful existence.
  - A. In the Gates family
    1. No grand scheme was apparent.
    2. Bill Sr. learned from his parent’s example the need to be involved.
    3. He simply started showing up for things important to him.
    4. His children followed his example.
  - B. Successful adult life embodies the principle.
    1. Mothers must show up to mother. It’s often drudgery.
    2. Fathers must show up to be fathers. It’s often thankless.
    3. Providers must show up to provide. It’s often physically and mind wearying.
    4. Neighbors must show up to be neighbors. It’s often too distracting.
2. Much of the life of Jesus was about “showing up”.
  - A. Jesus showed up for others. Matthew 8:5; 9:9-10; John 11
  - B. Others had to show up to benefit from Jesus.  
Matt. 9:18-19, 23-26, 27; Luke 5:15.
  - C. Matt. 10 – Disciples told to show up in order to point people to Jesus.
3. Jesus’ life for us is about “showing up”.
  - A. Show up at the “feast”. Matthew 22:1-14
  - B. Show up prepared for the “wedding”. Matthew 25
  - C. Show up for the destitute – Matthew 25
  - D. Show up for an immediate need – Luke 11:29-37
  - E. Show up for my brethren – Hebrews 10:23-25

Conclusion: Jesus’ ultimate gift to the world was given when he “showed up” for his execution (Hebrews 10:5-10). Jesus didn’t “sprinkle us with fairy dust” to save us from our sins. He showed up to demonstrate his total involvement in our salvation. I am more and more convinced that life in the Lord is “being there”. It’s “showing up” because we give our life’s projects in the Lord importance, and in turn, we are interested enough “to show up”.