

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:11 (NIV)

Count

Count, now that is a very important word. Why is that? **I'm going to let you answer that question. I want you to think deeply about your answer.** I think you are giving me a clue. **Yes, I am.** Counting on something relates to what I believe. **Yes, it does.** What I believe will determine all my thoughts, words and actions. **Yes, it will.** So, I should be very careful about how I count in life. If I don't count properly my life will not add up to all that you have prepared for me. Incorrect counting will prevent me from living the life that you have called me to live. **Yes, it will.**

Let's talk more about counting. What do you count as true? I'm not sure what you mean. **Do you count my word and what I say to you as being true?** Yes, I certainly count your word as being completely reliable and true. **Do you believe that all my promises are true?** Yes, I do. **What do you count as true when my word and your experience don't seem to match?** Can you give me some examples? **Sure, I can. My word says, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength," does it not?** Yes, it does. **You know where this is headed don't you?** Yes, I do. There have been plenty of times that I have looked at all my gifts, talents and abilities and then told you there was no way that I could do what you were asking me to do. **What does that sound like to you?** It sounds like incorrect counting. **Good answer.** I have made the mistake of counting on myself rather than counting on you. **Yes, you have. Would you like another example of incorrect counting?** Yes, I would. **My word says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Can you tell me where this is headed?** Yes, I can. **Go right ahead.** I have been quite a worrier. **That sounds like an understatement.** I have been a tremendous worrier. **That's more like it. Is your worrying a good example of incorrect counting?** Yes, I have counted on myself to get me through trials in life. The more I have relied on myself, the more I have worried. You want me to count on you by turning every worry of mine into a prayer to you. **Yes, I do.** By now I should be a tremendous prayer based on how many worries I could have turned into prayers. **Now, that's a thought.**

Let's talk about your counting yourself as being dead to sin and alive to me. Why is it so important for you to believe that you are dead to sin and alive to me? You died on the cross for my sins. **Yes, I did.** You broke the power that sin had on my life. **Yes, I did.** You set me free from sin so I could live a new life in you. **Yes, I did.** You made me alive to you. **Yes, did.** You want me to live out in my experience all that you have done for me. **Yes, I do.** If I don't believe or correctly count on all that you have done for me then I will not be able to live a life that is dead to sin and alive to you. **No, you will not.** But, I do believe and I am counting on you. I do know that you have made me alive to you and dead to sin. **Yes, I know.** I am and will continue to offer myself up to you as an instrument of righteous that you can use. I am counting on you using me for your kingdom and your glory. **Yes, you are and you can count on me to do that in and through your life.**

Lord, thank you that you have made me dead to sin. Sin has no power over me. Thank you that you have made me alive to you. I will continually offer myself to you as an instrument of righteousness you can use for your glory. Amen

Life *Alive To God*
In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.
NIV Romans 6:11

Life *Alive To God*
So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
ESV Romans 6:11

Life *Alive To God*
So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.
NLT Romans 6:11

Life *Alive To God*
Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
NKJV Romans 6:11

Life *Alive To God*
So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
NRSV Romans 6:11

Life *Alive To God*
From now on, think of it this way: Sin speaks a dead language that means nothing to you; God speaks your mother tongue, and you hang on every word. You are dead to sin and alive to God. That's what Jesus did.
MSG Romans 6:11

Life *Alive To God*
Even so consider yourselves also dead to sin and your relation to it broken, but alive to God [living in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus.
AMP Romans 6:11

Life *Alive To God*
So look upon your old sin nature as dead and unresponsive to sin, and instead be alive to God, alert to him, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
TLB Romans 6:11

Life *Alive To God*
Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.
NASB Romans 6:11

Life *Alive With God*
In the same way, you should see yourselves as being dead to the power of sin and alive with God through Christ Jesus.
NCV Romans 6:11

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you live your life as an instrument of righteousness that is dead to sin and alive to God.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, thanking you for making me dead to sin and alive to you as an instrument of righteousness for your use.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want to use me today as an instrument of righteousness for your kingdom and glory?
