

A man once said that we can serve God by always being good advertisements for the Christian way. I wonder if we could just think about that for a few minutes. It seems tragic to me that so many evil things are advertised so well. Just think about beer commercials, and cigarette commercials. I'm talking about things on TV and in the magazines, too. You know, it's a perfect picture of fun at its best. Good looking men and women in mostly provocative clothes and actions. You never see a dip like me in one of those things. But the idea they present is, "Hey, see how gloriously happy I am! You won't ever be like me until you use this or that product." They never show you the next morning with the painfully throbbing headache from too much to drink. They never show you some drunk who is convinced he can fly jumping out of a fifth story window. They never show you the inside of an ambulance which is taking some terribly hurt victim of an accident that was caused by a drunk. They never show you the incredibly stupid things people do when they are drunk. And with regard to smoking, they never show you a picture of disease-ridden lungs of some one who died of lung cancer.

We seem to advertise the Christian life in the reverse way. Not that there are any bad things in being a Christian, but we don't really use the blessings that we get. We look more like indigestion commercials. Anyone who really lets Christ live in them has plenty to advertise. Paul tells Timothy in 1 Tim 4:12, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity." Just because you are young doesn't mean that you can't be a good advertisement. There are many things that you should be able to show off in your life.