

**“A More Excellent Way”**  
**Text – 1 Corinthians 12:31**

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Introduction:

1. Glad of opportunity to talk to you
2. I would like to help you understand the Christian way of life
3. Would like to challenge you to live it

I. What does way mean

1. Life is a way
  - a. May be long or short
  - b. It will be hard
  - c. It has a destination
    1. Heaven
    2. Hell
  - d. Rewards and end of way
2. Way is a manner of life
  - a. I understand what is meant here
3. Different ways
  - a. Existence
    1. Tramp
  - b. Unconcerned about others
    1. Rich fool – soul take thy ease
  - c. Humanitarian
    1. Serve man
    2. No regard for God
  - d. More excellent way is Christian way
    1. More than existence
    2. More than unconcern
    3. More than humanity
    4. Serve Christ

II. Pays Big Dividends

1. To others
  - a. Mary Ingalls
2. To ourselves
  - a. My own life
  - b. Happiness
3. In this life
4. In life to come

III. Some necessities for this more excellent way

1. Love for Christ
  - a. Surely we should love him

2. Responsibility

- a. We cannot escape it
  - 1. May run from it, but still have it
- b. You have yours
  - 1. This league will be what you make it

3. Sacrifice

- a. Time
- b. Pleasure
- c. Money
- d. Talents – preached in southwest Texas. Gave up playing violin
- e. Young preacher in mountains. People came to love because he sacrificed for them.

4. Far Vision

- a. 1 Corinthians 15 – last verse – Be steadfast unmovable act

IV. Some illustrations

- 1. Russell at Spur
- 2. Farnham
- 3. Dick Clinton

Conclusion:

- 1. Picture rich young ruler
- 2. Christ challenged