

Known for It *Andy Stanley*

Scripture: James 5:16; Hebrews 10:24–25; Galatians 6:1–2

Idea: We all want to be known for something. What we really need is to be known by someone.

[Here's something we all have in common...]

We all want to be **known** for **something**.

[You have adjectives that you hope come to other people's minds when you come to their minds.]

[I do. I have adjectives I want my kids to think of me. There are adjectives I want to be known for in my marriage, with people I work with, and with all of you. They determine our social media posts, especially Instagram.]

What do you want to be known for?

[I'll tell you what I want to be known for. It comes from a place of insecurity. I want to be known as smart. I struggled in school. I also want to be known as a hard worker, great father and husband, and a good leader. As I've gotten older, I want to be known for still having what it takes. What about you? Then there's this:]

What do you do when you realize you aren't measuring up...

to you?

[I would tell you what I do, but I don't need to because I do the same thing you do. I pretend, make excuses, or try to manage my image. The problem with that is:]

Managing our **image** makes us **imaginary**.

[We've all met people and initially thought, Wow! Then we got to know them and thought, Wow? Image management makes relationships difficult because folks are forced to relate to imaginary us. Then there's this:]