

Pathway to Christlike Living | “Living Like Jesus Everyday”

Week 2: Practicing Christlike Living at Work, Home, and in Community and During Pressure and Conflict

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Attributes of Christ

- Unconditional love, compassion, humility, forgiveness, mercy
- Webster's definition - Being Christ-like means living, loving, and acting in a way that reflects the character, spirit, and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Christ's Mission as Our Model (Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 4:18)

- Seek and to save that which is lost
- Preach the gospel to the poor.
- Open the prisons to them that are bound. Proclaim liberty to the captives.
- Bind up the brokenhearted. Comfort all that mourn.
- Give abundant life and set free. (John 10:10)
- Forgive and reach out in love.

The Great Commission - We Must Go

- Jesus tells his disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel. (Mark 16:15)
- The fields are already white for harvest. (John 4:35) Lost souls are all around us.
- Pray for more laborers because the harvest is great and the workers are few. (Matthew 9:38)
- Being used by God is not about being qualified or educated, but rather about being available and willing.

The Mark of a Believer

- The greatest commandments are to love God and love our neighbor. (Matthew 22:37-39) Love is how others know we are His disciples. (John 13:5)
- Love one another and obey God's commandments. (1 John 3:10-22)
- Winning souls is wise. (Proverbs 11:30)
- Enemy tries to convince us of unworthiness and incapability to cause removal of obstacles and force withdrawing from fight.
- Overcoming pressures and life struggles

Use What You've Got

- Stewardship - What has the Lord placed in your hand? (Matthew 25:14-46)
- Seek first the kingdom of God. (Matthew 6:33)
- Give and it shall be given. (Luke 6:38)
- Each one reach one. - Be a missionary in your field.

Power for the Mission

- That we receive power through the Holy Ghost to be witnesses (Acts 1:8)
 - Being a witness means demonstrating our faith, not just talking about it.
 - The Holy Ghost gives ordinary people the ability to be positive disruptors.
- Through prayer, we push back the works of Hell.

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- Consistent covering of prayer for the family - guidance, protection, strength, and salvation
- Pleading the blood of Jesus over family, health, home, travel, decisions, and work
- Prayer makes the difference. Pray in advance, before trouble comes.
- Fasting - Submitting and surrendering to God
- The Word of God is our source of strength made perfect in our weakness.
- Prayer, church attendance, and staying in the Word are essential disciplines.

- Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
 - Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance
- How we respond during pressure and conflict really matters.
- Pray for coworkers and those in the community during times of need.

- We receive from God when we keep his commandments. (John 3:22)
- Whatever you want God to bless in your life, put Him first in that area.
- Serving God is the best life and there is no greater joy.

- Share a time you saw God's favor when you sought him first and tried to be Christlike.
- What can I do today that makes someone else's life easier or put another person's needs ahead of my own?
- Whose neighbor am I willing to become?

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