Dare To Be Like *Jesus!*

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Text: I John 1:6-7

# Intro

1. The Scriptures tell us of many godly men and women who are good examples…
   1. Andrew: Godly Influence – He brought others to Jesus
   2. Ananias: Courage – He preached the gospel where Christ sent him
   3. Caleb: Had a Different Spirit – Faith in God to do all that He promised
   4. Barnabas: An Encourager – Everywhere he went he encouraged saints
   5. Sarah: God changed her name – Godly role model
   6. Daniel: Trustworthy – Highly Esteemed by God and men
2. Jesus the Lord: When one becomes a Christian, they don’t take on a name of a good or godly person, but they take on the name of Christ, and are to “put on the Lord” (Romans 13:14).
3. Gal. 3:27: Once baptized into Christ, need to be clothed with Christ!
4. I Pet. 2:21: Jesus left for His followers an example that we must walk in His steps. *Disciples take on the life and manner of their teacher.*
5. I John 1:6-7: Once a child of God, must “walk in the light,” that is to walk in the steps of the Savior, Who is our perfect example (Guide)!
6. I Cor. 11:1; Eph. 5:1: Saints are to imitate Jesus! *That is to take on His attributes.*
7. Dare to be like Jesus and walk in His steps, to walk out of darkness into the light and have fellowship with one another and with Jesus the King!

# Knowledge of God’s Word

## Jesus knew the word of God!

* 1. *Lk. 2:41-52:* Jesus, at 12 years old, amazed the religious teachers in the Temple.

## *Mt. 4:1-10:* The Battle of Lions: Lion of Judah *(Rev. 5:5)* vs. The Roaring Lion *(I Pet. 5:8):*

* 1. 4:3: **Temptation** – He was hungry (*Vs. 2*) and told to turn the stones to bread.
  2. 4:4: **Answer** – “It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone…’”
  3. 4:5-6: **Temptation** – Throw Himself down and let the angels minister to Him.
  4. 4:7: **Answer** – “It is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”
  5. 4:8-9: **Temptation** – Gain worldly kingdoms by falling down and worshipping Satan.
  6. 4:10: **Answer** – “It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God…only.'"
  7. Jesus answered each one with Scripture; He was knowledgeable in God’s word!
  8. The scary part is Satan knows the Scriptures too, but will twist them!

## Application:

## Saints must know the Scriptures well to battle Satan and the twists his false teachers spin as truth.

* 1. II Tim. 2:15: (KJV) “Study to show yourself approved to God…” (Ps. 119:105)
  2. Titus 2:9-10:We are to “adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.”

## Dare to be like Jesus in knowing the word of God to overcome temptations *(I Cor. 10:13)* and draw from its strength!

* 1. Humility

## Humility = Subjection

* 1. Jesus spoke of the Father’s will to be done, and not His own.
     1. Mt. 26:39, 42: He prayed, “…not My will, but Yours be done.”
  2. He was submissive, and from His subjection and humility, He had authority.
     1. Jn. 6:38-40: Jesus came to earth to do His Father’s will.
     2. Phil. 2:5-11: His humility led to obedience, which led to His exaltation, a name above every name!
     3. Acts 4:10-12: His name is only one that can save mankind!

## Application:

## Saints must be humble!

## I Pet. 5:5: Clothe yourselves with humility! God opposes the proud!

## Col. 1:18: Christ is the Head of the church *(Eph. 5:22-33).*

## Without humility:

## Men won’t submit to God’s authority as Head of the church, which leads to all the denominations of the world.

* + 1. Husbands won’t love their wives as Christ loved the church; women won’t be in subjection to their husbands, all leading to the high divorce rate in the world.

## James 4:10: Be humble and God will exalt you!

## Christ is our example *(Jn. 13:16: The slave is not greater than the master) – Humility led to exaltation!*

## Dare to be like Jesus and seek after God’s will above your own! *(Matthew 6:33)*

* 1. Loved Others

## Christ had a compassionate heart

* 1. II Thess. 2:16-17: Jesus loves us and gives eternal comfort, hope, and strength!
  2. Jn. 3:16: God so loved the world He sent His only Son to die for the sins of the world.
  3. Mt. 20:30-34: Moved by compassion to give sight to two blind men.
  4. *Jn. 11:30-44*: Moved by compassion to weep and grieve for Lazarus.

## Application:

## Col. 3:12-14: Saints are to “put on” hearts of compassion & love as Christ!

* 1. Jn. 13:34-35: By our love as Jesus loved us we are to be known as His disciples.
  2. Eph. 5:1-2: We are to imitate God and walk in Love as Jesus loved us and gave Himself up for us *(Jn. 15:12-13: “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends”)*
  3. Matthew 5:44: Saints are to be known for their love of even their enemies!

## Dare to be like Jesus and “put on” a heart of compassion & love!

* 1. Corrected Error

## Jesus was angry but did not sin (Eph. 4:26-27): Righteous Anger = Righteous Actions

* 1. John 2:13-17: Jesus cleansed the Temple of the moneychangers and sellers of doves.
     1. He fashioned a whip (scourge) from cords and whipped them out the Temple.
     2. *Not the picture often associated with Jesus!*
  2. *Matthew 15:1-11:* Jesus corrected the Pharisees *often.*
     1. 15: 2: Disciples told Him He offended the Pharisees.
     2. 15:13-14: His answer: they were blind guides to the blind.
  3. Matthew 23: The whole chapter is full of “Woes” to the Pharisees, and they are accused of murdering the prophets and leading the nation of Israel astray.
  4. Jn. 8:31-59: Jesus told the Pharisees their father is the devil.

## Application:

## Saints must confront error!

* 1. II Tim. 2:24-26: We are to oppose and correct error, so we might bring the erring to God.
  2. Jude 22-23: Part of having mercy (compassion) is to teach others the gospel to snatch “them out of the fire.”

## Dare to be like Jesus and accurately handle the word of truth in correcting error! *(II Tim. 2:15)*

* 1. Forgiveness

1. Jesus was ready to forgive others!
   1. His mission was to forgive sins with His own blood – Mt. 26:28; Eph. 1:7
   2. Matthew 6:12, 14-15: Jesus taught in that even in our prayers we are not to hold grudges but to forgive those who have hurt us.
   3. Luke 6:35-36: We are to love our enemies and be merciful as God is merciful! (Heb. 8:12: God remembers our sins no more!).
   4. On earth Christ was willing to forgive sins:
      1. The sins of the paralytic man lowered through a roof – Mark 2:1-12
      2. The sins of the woman caught in adultery – John 8:1-11
      3. The sins of those who put Him to death – Luke 23:34
   5. Acts 5:31: Christ rose to sit at right hand of God to grant forgiveness.
2. Application:

## Matthew 18:21-22: Disciples of Jesus are expected to forgive one another not only seven times a day if need be, but up to seven times seventy! *(490)*

## Mt. 18:32-35: Parable of the Unmerciful Servant. We must forgive to be forgiven!

* 1. Mark 11:25-26: If we do not forgive, neither will God forgive us.
  2. Col. 3:13: Part of saints putting on hearts of compassion & love *(3:12, 14)* is to forgive as Jesus forgave!

1. Dare to be like Jesus and have a heart ready to forgive others!
   1. Prayed Often

## Jesus prayed both in the presence of His disciples and in private – He was a man of prayer!

* 1. Mark 1:35: At the beginning of His earthly ministry it says of Jesus, “In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.”
  2. Mt. 14:23: After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. This was before the account of Him walking on the water.
  3. Luke 5:16: Jesus would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.
  4. Luke 6:12: Before choosing the 12 Apostles, Jesus “went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.”
  5. Luke 9:28-29: The Transfiguration took place while Jesus was praying on the mountain with Peter, James, and John.
  6. Luke 11:1: It was an occasion after Jesus spent time in prayer that His disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray.
  7. Mt. 26:26-28: Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper and prayed (“a blessing, gave thanks”) over the bread and the fruit of the vine in the presence of the apostles.
  8. Luke 22:41: In the Garden of Gethsemane before His betrayal He went a stone’s throw from Peter, James and John and “He knelt down and began to pray.”

## Application:

## The Parable of the Persistent Widow was told by Jesus to His disciples to “show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart” (Luke 18:1)

* 1. We are told in James 5:16 that the effective prayer of the righteous can accomplish much.
  2. We are to pray for all men – I Timothy 2:1
  3. We are to pray for all the saints – Ephesians 6:18
  4. We pray for physical needs – Matthew 6:11
  5. We pray for the sick and the suffering – James 5:13-16
  6. We pray for physical safety – Acts 12:5, 12
  7. We pray for all those in authority – I Timothy 2:1-4
  8. We pray for forgiveness of sin for ourselves & one another – Mt. 6:12; Acts 8:22-24!

## Dare to be like Jesus and spend time in prayer with God the Father!

### Conclusion

1. The beginning of our walk with Christ is to be “clothed with Christ” in baptism (Galatians 3:27), but then the saint must continually “walk in the light” (I John 1:6-7) by walking in the steps of Jesus, our Savior (I Peter 2:21) in order to have fellowship with Him!
2. We live in a world full of darkness all around us, and we are called to be lights & walk in Light!
3. ***Dare to be like Jesus and walk in the Light!***
4. If not a child of God, Repent & be baptized, obey the gospel and walk in the light!
5. If you are a child of God and not living right, repent and walk in the steps of the Savior!!
6. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand and sing!