

## WALK AS JESUS DID

**We are required to imitate Christ** - 1 John 2:3-6 - 3 We know that we have come to know him **IF we obey his commands**. 4 The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. **This is how we know we are in him:** 6 **Whoever claims to live in him MUST WALK AS JESUS DID.**

- Only those that know Him can Imitate HIM
- Evidence that you do know HIM will be you living in obedience to HIM

**Christ has provided us with all we need to Live like HIM, we just need to do it.** - 2 Peter 1:3-4 - 3 His divine power has given us EVERYTHING we need for life and godliness THROUGH OUR KNOWLEDGE OF HIM who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

### HOW ARE WE TO ADJUST OUR STEPS TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS

**We must lock our focus on Christ as our perfect example** - Heb 12:2-3 - 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 **CONSIDER HIM** who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

**We need to attach ourselves to Christ and follow his lead** - Matt 11:28-30 - 28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and **LEARN FROM ME**, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

**The love we are to display must be Christ-like, ridding ourselves of destructive characteristics** - Eph 5:1-7 - **BE IMITATORS OF GOD**, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. 3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. 4 **Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking**, which are out of place, but **rather thanksgiving**. 5 For of **THIS YOU CAN BE SURE:** No immoral, impure or greedy person — such a man is an idolater — has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 **LET NO ONE DECEIVE YOU WITH EMPTY WORDS**, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. 7 Therefore do not be partners with them.

### LET US LOOK CLOSELY AT HOW JESUS WALKED

**Jesus didn't just do part of what God said, he did exactly what God said** - John 14:31 but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. "Come now; let us leave."

**Jesus was tempted but did not sin** - Heb 4:15-16 - 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been TEMPTED IN EVERY WAY, just as we are — yet was without sin. 16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

**Jesus depended on God through the Word to stay protected** - Matt 4:6-7 - 6 "**IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD**," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

**As Christ, we must humble ourselves in order to be used by God** - Phil 2:5-13 - 5 Your **ATTITUDE SHOULD BE THE SAME AS THAT OF CHRIST JESUS:** 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but **made himself nothing**, taking the **very nature of a servant**, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed — not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence — continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

**Our relationship with one another must imitate Jesus's relationship with us** - Rom 15:7-9 - 7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, IN ORDER TO bring praise to God. 8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews ON BEHALF OF God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs 9 so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name."

**Jesus was around unbelievers in order to minister to unbelievers** - Matt 9:10-13 - 10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

**Like Jesus we need to recognize what's dangerous and what's not** - Matt 16:21-23 - 21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. 22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the THINGS OF GOD, but the THINGS OF MEN."

**\*We must evaluate all of our relationships to make sure the foundation is God only!**

**Jesus displayed a true leader is a servant** - John 13:12-17 - 12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

**The Husbands relationship with his wife must be the same as Jesus relationship with the Church** - Eph 5:25-27 - 25 Husbands, love your wives, **JUST AS CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH** and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

**When dealing with stressful moments and feelings of depression, completely give it to God** - Matt 26:38-39 - 38 Then he said to them, "**MY SOUL IS OVERWHELMED WITH SORROW TO THE POINT OF DEATH.** Stay here and keep watch with me." 39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. YET NOT AS I WILL, BUT AS YOU WILL."

**Not only is Jesus the Word, Jesus was a student of the Word**- Luke 2:41-52 - 41 Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. 42 When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. 43 After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. 44 Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." 49 "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?'" 50 But they did not understand what he was saying to them. 51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

**Jesus died in order for us to live, let us recognize him the right way** - John 10:14-18 - 14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father — and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and **THERE SHALL BE ONE FLOCK AND ONE SHEPHERD.** 17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life — only to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."