

Becoming More Like Jesus (Luke 6:40)

Introduction: Discipleship inherently requires it.

Many passages stress the need to become more like Jesus:

* Romans 8:29

* II Corinthians 3:18

* Philippians 2:5

* I Peter 2:21

* I John 2:6

* Paul said he imitated Jesus - I Corinthians 11:1

* A complete make over is expected - Ephesians 4:20-24

* What Was He Like?

JESUS...

1. Obeyed His Parents - Luke 2:51

2. Grew Up In A Well-rounded Sort Of Way - Luke 2:52

3. Was Baptized - Matthew 3:13-15

4. Was Compassionate Toward The Less Fortunate - Luke 7:11-15;

Matthew 20:29-34

5. Knew When To Keep Silent - Matthew 27:12-14

6. Regarded Doing His Father's Will As Supreme - John 6:38; 8:29;

Matthew 26:37-39

7. Went To "Church" Regularly - Luke 4:16

8. Was Zealous For God's House - John 2:13-17

9. Loved Everyone - John 13:1,34-35; 11:1-5,36; 15:9; Mark 10:21

10. Graciously Allowed Deeds Of Kindness - Luke 8:1-3; John 12:3,7-8

11. Suffered Wrongfully - John 15:25

12. Patiently Endured Suffering - I Peter 2:23

13. Was Attentive To Little Children - Mark 10:13-16

14. Sometimes Got Angry - Mark 3:1-5; John 2:13-17

15. Felt Sorry For Those Spiritually Lost - Matt. 9:36-38; Luke 9:51-56

16. Ate With Sinners - Matthew 9:10-13

17. Forgave His Enemies Even Without Their Having Repented -

Luke 23:33-34

18. Was Not Prejudiced - John 4:5-9

19. Regarded Matters Of The Kingdom And Righteousness More
Important Than Eating - John 4:6,32-34; Luke 10:38-42
20. Was Devoted To His Family - John 19:25-27
21. Never Let Family Matters Interfere With His Doing God's Will -
Matthew 12:46-50
22. Sometimes Prayed A Long Time - Luke 6:12
23. Made Special Arrangements To Pray - Mark 1:35
24. Thanked God Publicly - Jn. 6:11; 11:41-42
25. Knew The Benefit Of R&R - Mk. 6:30-31
26. Paid Taxes Ungrudgingly - Mt. 17:24-27; 22:15-22
27. Loved His Country - Mt. 23:37-39
28. Related To Common People - Mk. 12:37
29. Violated Religious Traditions Of Men - Mk. 7:1-13
30. Strongly Denounced Religious Sin - Mt. 23
31. Identified Religious Wrongdoers By Name - Mt. 16:6-12; Rev. 2:6,14
32. Showed Mercy And Forgiveness To Those Immoral - eg. woman
caught in adultery, thief on the cross, sinful woman anointing Him, eating with
sinners, etc.
33. Was Patient With Weak Followers - Jn. 14:8-11
34. Did Menial Tasks Of Service - Jn. 13:3-17
35. Wept With Those Who Were Weeping - Jn. 11:33-36
36. Rejoiced With Those Rejoicing - Lk. 10:17,21
37. Quoted The Bible A Lot - eg. Mt. 21:13,16,42
38. Used Scripture To Refute Error - Mt. 4:3-10; Mk. 12:24-27
39. Helped Others See The Truth In Scripture For Themselves -
Lk. 10:25-28; 24:25-27, 44-46
40. Gave Up Privileges To Benefit Others - Phil. 2:5-8

The Three Lessons David Taught Our Young People.

INTRO:

1. Examples; David and Josiah (2 Chr. 34:3 ; 2 Kings 22 ; 23:25).
2. Scriptures; Eccl. 11:9 ; 12:1; 1 Tim. 4:12 ; 2 Tim.2:22).

DISCUSSION:

I. YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD PUT THEIR TRUST IN GOD.

- A. Faith is the victory! (1 Jn. 5:4 ; Rev. 7:14).
- B. David fought in the name of the Lord. (1 Sam. 17:45)
 1. David showed his faith by laying aside his armor.
- C. David put his life in God's hand. (1 Sam. 19:5).

II. YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD FIGHT FOR THE GREATEST CAUSE ON EARTH--THE CAUSE OF THE LORD!

- A. All the men of Israel "fled from Goliath" (1 Sam. 17:24).
- B. David said in 1 Sam. 17:32.

III. YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD REFUSE TO BE DISCOURAGED.

- A. David's brothers tried to discourage him. (1 Sam. 17:28).
- B. Saul discouraged him.
- C. Goliath laughed at him.
 1. But not for long.
- D. David knew God was with him. (Rom. 8:31 ; 2 Chr. 15:2)
- E. David won. (1 Sam. 17:50; 1 Kings 15:5 ; Acts 13:22).

CONCLUSION:

1. Young people, Christ needs you to fight the greatest battle of all, in the battle of faith.
2. Are you afraid to respond.