

Who Wants To Live Like Christ?

Depending on the tone of voice you use, that title question could imply something good or bad! It is my hope that each and everyone who reads that question will have a desire to respond, “I do!”

Even then the challenge is probably greater than most people realize. This does not refer to wearing a robe and sandals and walking everywhere we go. This refers to the mentality and the focus of Jesus’ life. Jesus made it clear that his whole purpose in life was to please God. So many around us turn that and make it as though God’s purpose is to make us happy! It is from the perspective of eternity, but not like some would say. Some would say, “God wants me to be happy, therefore, ...

...it is fine with Him that I leave my spouse for another.

...it is okay if I take something that does not belong to me.

...it is okay if I talk like I just ate manure.

Certainly, doing whatever we want to do, wherever and whenever we want to do it may seem appealing, but often there are repercussions! It is certain that some of those repercussions can be eternal!

James talked about real religion as though it was something completely different from all of that.

“If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless. Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.” [James 1:26-27](#)

Obviously, we need to modify our behavior, our words and our thoughts if we really want to live like Jesus!

Love to all,
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