

Does My Life Reflect The Image of Jesus Christ?

Ask yourself this question: does my life reflect the image of the Lord Jesus Christ's life when He walked on the earth as a man? Do I love God? Do I love God's word?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Let us examine ourselves, our spiritual life to see if it reflects Jesus to the world.

The beatitudes, the sermon on the mount,

Matthew 5:1-12

1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

3 **Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

4 **Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.**

5 **Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.**

6 **Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.**

7 **Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.**

8 **Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.**

9 **Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.**

10 **Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

11 **Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.**

For unto us a child is born, a son is given-The Prince of Peace-one that hates violence, one that despises physical pain or harm to others. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you-for Jesus' sake.

Matthew 5:38-48

38 **Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:**

- 39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.
- 40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.
- 41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.
- 42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.
- 43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.
- 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;
- 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.
- 46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?
- 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?
- 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

This was under the law of the Old Testament, before Jesus Christ brought grace and life.

In verse 38, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a blow for a blow, a life for a life; We are speaking of revenge against those that have harmed or wronged us! But the Word says: Vengeance is mine saith the Lord, I will repay!

Let's go to 1 Corinthians 6:1-9 pertaining to verse 40, if any man sue you at the law-----

1 Corinthians 6:1-9

- 1 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?
- 2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?
- 3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?
- 4 If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church.

5 I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?

6 But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers.

7 Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?

8 Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren.

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

In verse 5, I speak to your shame, is it so that there is not a wise man among you, no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren? (When a brother or sister has a disagreement or a grievance of wrong doing against themselves by a fellow Christian—take it before the Church.)

In verse 6, but brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers- (exposing the church's dirty laundry before the sinners of the world)

In verse 7, now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because you go to the law one against another. Paul says, why do you not rather suffer the wrong why do you not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded, and cheated.

In verse 8 Nay; no you do wrong; and defraud your brothers and sisters by suing them in a court of law of the unbelievers.

In verse 9, know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God, **It is a sin to sue your fellow Christian in a court of law!**

Let's go back to **Matthew 5:41-48**

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42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Verse 44 Love your enemies—bless them.

Verse 45 That you may be the children of your Father which is in Heaven.

Verse 48 Be therefore perfect.

1 Timothy 3:14-15 Paul writes to Timothy---that you may know how you ought to behave yourselves in the House of God, which is the Church of the Living God, the pillar and ground of the Truth!

1 Timothy 3:14-15

14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:

15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 Paul says, exhorts that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

1 Timothy 2: 1-4

1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

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In verse 1, exhorts on how we ought to walk to please God to know how to possess your vessel; your body in sanctification and honor.

In verse 8, whoever that despises these (to hate) scriptures (hates these words; hates despises) not man, but he hates God, who also gave unto us His Holy Spirit.

In verse 11, states to do your own business, and to mind your own affairs, work with your hands to support yourselves, do not gossip, do not be a busybody in other people's affairs.

Verse 12, tells us to walk honestly toward them outside of the church. Do not bring the church into reproach by your misconduct and unchristian like behavior!

I would like to complete this message by reading Apostle Paul's final words to Timothy.

1 Timothy 6:3-16

3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words,
whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,
5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth,
supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.
6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.
7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing
out.
8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.
9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish
and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.
10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after,
they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.
11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness,
godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.
12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also
called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.
13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before
Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;
14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the
appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:
15 Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the
King of kings, and Lord of lords;
16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach
unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power
everlasting. Amen.

Verse 3-4, Says if any man teach **otherwise** he is **proud**, knowing nothing

In verse 10, States for the **love** of **money** is the **root** of all **evil**;

Do you **love money** more than you **love God**? Are you willing to defraud, cheat
one another for money? When it comes to money do you **lay your Holy Ghost on
a shelf** and **become that unsaved, sinner you once were**? Are you willing to **sell
your soul, your everlasting life for money**? **Think about it.**

In verse 11, But thou O man of God (church) **flee** these things; and follow after
righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

Verse 14 says **Keep this commandment!**

Does your life reflect the image of Jesus Christ? Do you conduct and behave yourself as a Christian, a child of God?