

FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST

Lesson #3 -Our Example
Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:8, 9

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Introduction:

1. This is a second part to last week's lesson, "Following the example of Christ"
2. We should desire to be so much like Jesus we can say, "imitate me..." -1Co 11:1

Proposition: We must take heed to our example we set before others.

Interrogative: How should we take heed to our example?

Transition: In this lesson we will discuss three qualities to remember...

I. THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST

A. WALK AS HE WALKED -1Jn 2:6

1. To achieve anything, we look to those who have already accomplished.
2. Jesus lived a sinless, perfect life -He 4:12-14
 - a. He was predetermined to do the will of the Father
 - b. He had the word of God dwelling in Him richly -Mt 4:1-11; Ps 119:11
 - c. He spent time in prayer -Mk 1:35
3. Our goal is to follow close to Him.

B. ENDURE AS HE ENDURED -1Pe 2:21-ff

1. Jesus endured the agony of the cross for our sakes.
2. E.g. Paul like Jesus, endured many things for the well-being of the church -2Co 11:22-33
3. Likewise, we must keep fighting the good fight of faith and endure to the end -2Ti 4:6-8; Mt 10:22; Re 2:10

II. WE ARE NEVER TOO YOUNG TO BE AN EXAMPLE -1Ti 4:12

A. LET NO ONE DESPISE YOUR YOUTH

1. Despise is to look down upon or to disrespect.
2. Youth is not limited to childhood to teenage years
 - a. The Romans considered anyone under forty was still in their youth.
 - b. Paul referred to widows under sixty as young -1Ti 5:9-11
 - c. Jesus' age was referenced as being under fifty -Jn 8:57

B. BE AN EXAMPLE

1. Paul list five or six qualities (depending upon your translation) to be an example in.
2. We are to be an example of Christian living from our youth onward.
3. E.g. -One boy asking a friend at school to come the VBS.

III. SOMEONE IS ALWAYS WATCHING -Ph 4:9

A. PAUL'S STATEMENT

1. Things learned and received – (ie. The teachings he verbally taught to them)
2. Things heard and saw – (ie. The teachings put into practice)

B. OUR EXAMPLE IS ALWAYS SHOWING

1. We can remember the example set before us when we were children. How did the priorities of our parents contribute to our priorities today?
2. We must be mindful of the example we are setting before our own children, and the people around us.
3. E.g. -Wife going to church despite her husband's protest (1Pe 3:1-ff)

Conclusion:

1. If we are truly to say, "For me to live is Christ" then our example must be like His.
2. May we continue to grow more like Jesus every day.