



Like Jesus

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My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2 NIV

We know that we have come to know Him if we keep His commands. Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.

1 John 2:3-4 NIV

But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

1 John 2:5-6 NIV

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Action Over Profession

Imitating Jesus

Abiding in Jesus

“Must Live”

Why We Are Called to be Just Like Jesus

“God loves us as we are, but He loves us too much to leave us that way.”

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We Are Called to be Like Jesus Because That is God’s Design

“God’s eternal purpose for us is not just Heaven; it’s Christlikeness.”

For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like his Son...
Romans 8:29 NLT

“When I understand that everything happening to me is to make me more Christlike, it resolves a great deal of anxiety.”

A.W. Tozer

To be Like Jesus Will Require Us to Have a Heart Like His

“God’s plan for you is nothing short of a new heart. If you were a car, God would want control of your engine. If you were a computer, God would claim the software and the hard drive. If you were an airplane, He’d take a seat in the cockpit. But you are a person, so God wants to change your heart.”

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- **Jesus is Holiness Wrapped in Humility**
- **Jesus is Compassionate without Compromise**
- **Jesus is Unlimited Power with Complete Peace**

“Jesus didn't just tell us how to live; He showed us.”

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“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”
John 13:15 NIV

Being Like Jesus is a Journey, Not an Instant Event

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.
Philippians 2:5 NIV

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2 NLT

*To be like Jesus! This hope possesses me;
In every thought and deed, this is my aim, my creed;
To be like Jesus! This hope possesses me;
His Spirit helping me, like Him I'll be.*

- Let's Take Steps on the Journey to be Like Jesus
- Spend Daily Time with Jesus: Set Aside Time to Fast and Pray
- Read Scripture – Start in the Gospels
- Ask How Did Jesus Respond in Day-to-Day Life

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate [reflect] the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18 NIV

Pray for a Changed Heart, Not Just Changed Circumstances

Instead of “Lord, fix my situation”, let's start praying, “Lord, shape my heart to respond like Jesus.”