

The Effects of Emulation

(What happens in us when we follow Jesus)

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Week 1: Foundation

Series Verse

"Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. ² Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God."

Ephesians 5:1-2 (NLT)

1. Lofty _____.

"But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. ¹⁶ For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

1 Peter 1:15-16 (NLT)

"Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did."

1 John 2:6 (NIV84)

A. _____.

* _____ of imitation.

* _____ of imitation.

* _____ in imitation.

B. _____.

"But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God."

John 1:12 (NLT)

2. Clarified _____.

A. _____:

* Shifts focus from WHAT: _____

_____, to HOW: _____

_____.

B. _____ by Jesus.

"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross."

Philippians 2:5-8 (NLT)

3. In our _____, we receive

_____.

"But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image."

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (NLT)

A. _____ truth.

B. _____ tool.

My How (what's behind how I live): _____
