



SERMON NOTES

Imitate Me

Ephesians 5:1

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Ephesians 5:1 (NKJV)

1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

Greek Word: μιμητής

Transliteration: mimētēs

Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

THREE IMPORTANT LIFE LESSONS

1. JESUS LEARNED WELL

Isaiah 50:4 (NKJV) *"The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.*

Luke 2:52 (NIV) *And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*

Hebrews 5:8 (NLT2) *Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered.*

Learning is the key to growth (Deut. 5:1-33)

Learning from failure is invaluable (Lam. 3:1-66)

Learning requires humility (Lam. 3:27-29)

2. JESUS LIVED WELL

John 8:29 (NKJV) *And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."*

Many a man thinks he is buying pleasure when he is really selling himself to it.

-Benjamin Franklin

1 Corinthians 7:19 (TLB) *For it doesn't make any difference at all whether a Christian has gone through this ceremony or not. But it makes a lot of difference whether he is pleasing God and keeping God's commandments. That is the important thing.*

Hebrews 11:5 (NLT2) *It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying—"he disappeared, because God took him." For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God.*

3. JESUS LOVED WELL

John 15:9 (NLT2) *"I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love.*

Christ loved us in three stages:

1) _____
Ephesians 1:4 (NKJV) just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

2) _____
John 15:13 (ESV) Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

1 *John 3:16 (NIV) This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.*

3) _____
1 *John 4:19 (ESV) We love because he first loved us.*

Answers:

- 1) **Selectively**
- 2) **Sacrificially**
- 3) **Supremely**