

40 Days of Prayer & Devotion to Easter

Day 7

Throughout the New Testament, Paul challenged the readers and us to imitate him as he imitates Christ. Some of the areas to be considered from scripture are in conduct, love, speech, faith and purity. Paul also exhorts us to practice these things. Later in Heb 13:7, we read that we should “considering the results of their conduct;” imitate them. This is bold, but all Christians must set an example of Christ-likeness for others to follow.

Paul was a worthy example for our consideration and imitation. As you #liveoutward, have you considered what type of example you are setting? Recognizing that Jesus is our ultimate example and we should strive to imitate Him, we should begin to look more like Him. A friend once prayed for me while departing on a mission’s trip, “I hope that when people bump into you, that Jesus would spill out.”

I would challenge you to consider your own example you are leaving for others. Are you striving to be like Christ, and are you willing to acknowledge your weaknesses before Him so that He can continue to grow you in His image? A final challenge, if our own Christianity isn’t working at home or work, should we even be exporting it? Being real with the folks you are sharing Christ with will hopefully point them to Jesus and demonstrate your willingness to grow and be more like Him too.

– Pastor Jim Fruth

Be imitators
of me, just as
I also am
of Christ.

– 1 Corinthians 11:1

