

A Christlike Attitude

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Thank you so much for choosing to worship with us today! We are thrilled you are here!

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:1-6

There have been multiple approaches over the years encouraging Christians to be like Jesus. To love like Jesus. To think like Jesus. To act like Jesus.

My earliest memory is the book, "In His Steps" written in 1896 by Charles Sheldon

(of course I don't remember the original version but the later reprints.) It focused on I Peter 2:21 that says Christ left an example and we must follow his steps. Part of the title included the phrase – what would Jesus do?

That phrase caught on and in the 1990's it took on a whole life of itself with WWJD. It produced a marketing product line with bracelets, t-shirts, bumper stickers, mugs, etc. An updated book in 1993 and even a movie in 2010 all focused on WWJD.

While I really like the approach, the real question remains, "Do we just wear it and proclaim it or do we actually do it?" Paul reminds the Christians in Rome that the attitude that we should have, like Jesus, is to focus on each other. To build others up for their good not for our own.

Who can you encourage today to the glory of God?

All Things for Christ,
Michael