

What is the Meaning of Living a Christ Like Life? By Elder Catherine Mobit

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Mark 8:34-36; 1 Corinthians 6:1-20; John 12:42-50; 1 Timothy 6:6-16 (sermon)

We are able to live in God's will, doing God's works in God's way.

This is the essence of being Christ-like.

The Bible says we are created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:24 says God has an abundant life prepared for you not only in heaven but right now on earth.

Christ like persons who have qualities like Jesus Christ.

An example of Christlikeness is being a kind, forgiving, sincere, caring and accepting person.

To be like Jesus means willing to put others before yourself; to seek wisdom and to care about how you interact with all people you come across in life.

From our first lesson from Mark 8:34 states that **“Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”**

What Christ is saying here is that, for any of us to live a Christ like life you must let go of those things that are not of God.

Again in Mark 8:35, **“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.”**

God wants us to preach the word of God to those who do not know it yet.

To live a Christ like life is to obey God’s commandment.

See, Exodus 20 guides us how to live a Christ like life.

Furthermore, Mark 8:36 “What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?”

Remember children of God, we are just strangers here on earth and living a Christ like life will lead us giving a good account on the last day.

The Lord will judge if you were living a Christ like life or the life of the world that will end up in hell fire, which no one wants.

Brethren why not live a Christ like life to enjoy everlasting eternity in heaven.

Moreover Mark 8:38, **“If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”**

A question to all of us today is are you ashamed to live a Christ like life because of your peer groups that you will not belong if you do not belong to their sinful way or be afraid to distinguish yourself from sin?

Christ showed us the true light by speaking boldly about God.

As such we must be proud to speak about God our father in heaven.

Let the world know Jesus Christ is Lord.

As Christians we have to live a Christ like life.

For anyone who does not follow the ways of Christ will perish and burn into unquenchable fire where you will be gnashing your teeth and begging for mercy.

At that juncture it will be too late.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, living a Christ like life is supreme.

According to our second lesson in 1st Corinthians 6:4 which state that, therefore if you have a dispute with your brother or sister in the Lord, appoint a church leader as a judge even men of little account in the church can settle the matter amongst believers not lawsuit against each other and maintain love and peace as Christ did for us to live a Christ like life we must learn to forgive each other and continue spreading God's word as Christ did.

In 1st Corinthians 6:9 "do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the Kingdom of God. Do not be deceived; neither sexually immoral nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitute now homosexual offender nor thieves, nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the Kingdom of God.

Why because they do not live a Christ like life.

These people think they are enjoying life but they are fighting fire and flames that will burn them and will be unquenchable.

Brothers and sisters let's try to live a Christ like life.

More precisely in 1st Corinthians 6:15 **“Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never!”**

The Lord Jesus Christ offered his body the work of God so we have to do the same.

Keep your body holy, keep a Christ like life for it pays at the end.

1 Corinthians 6:19 “ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;”

Use your body for the work of God.

The Lord has invested a lot on you, _____ you and bought you at a price.

Therefore honor God with your body praising Him and keep on a Christ like life.

According to our 3rd reading today of John 12:42 **“Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue;”**

Who is bigger, God or the synagogue?

We live a Christ life like life for God not for synagogue.

John 12:43 **“for they loved human praise more than praise from God.”**

Brethren, let God praise you and elevate you. You do not do good for people to praise you living a Christ like life is more worthy than praises from man.

Continuing with the 3rd lesson of today’s scriptures from John, “then Jesus cried out when a man believes me, he does not believe in me only but in the one who

sent me. I have come into the world as the light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.”

Are you also living a life of Jesus Christ, that when people look at you and say this is a child of God?

Please brethren let’s live a Christ like life.

Christ further explains the importance of obedience as a child of God living a Christ like life by saying in John “I know that his commands leads to eternal life, so whatever I say is just what Father has told me to say.”

Brothers and sisters in Christ in order to enjoy eternal life, we must live a Christ like life.

From our text of today from 1st Timothy 6:6 **“But godliness with contentment is great gain for we brought nothing into the world and we can take nothing out of it.”**

Do we want to gain the whole world and loose heaven or to live Christ like life and gain eternal life?

Further in 1st Timothy 6:9 people who want to get rich fall into temptation and trap into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.

Why? Because some do not think of living a Christ like life. All what they think is about how to get richer and how they can enjoy the things of the world that are ungodly.

Brothers and sisters in the Lord lets live a Christ like life.

Again in 1st Timothy 6:10 states **“The love of money is the root of all evil. Some people who are eager for money have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”**

Dear people of God money should not hinder or distort us from living a Christ like life.

According to 1st Timothy 6:11, **“but you man of God flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, Godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness which are practiced by someone who embrace the Christ like life, because he/she knows that is the only and the right way.”**

More also as a Christian you made a confession in the presence of many witnesses to follow Christ in life. So do it with all enthusiasm, without looking back.

1st Timothy 6:12 “fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. It is more profitable to live a Christ like life than to perish as sinners.”

Christ who is the Son of the Almighty God has everything you can imagine. Still he kept himself faithful, humble, obedient, lowly, gentle, kind, caring and offers himself to be killed because of you and me just to set us free from sins.

Can we also practice His ways by living a Christ like life?

1st Timothy 6:13 “In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you”

How will living a Christ like life impact the church?

It can impact the church by Christians participating in doing God's work like, cleaning the church, singing, preaching, bringing food to share with others, caring for those in need, calling Christians who were missed in church or have not seen for a long time, respect, humble honor God and keep the commandments of God.

Christians, living a Christ like life can impact the community by loving their neighbors as they love themselves, forgiving one another, serving others not to be served. By doing so we are living Christ like lives thereby drawing people to Christ.

To crown it all, why else must we live a Christ like life?

God is omnipotent, having unlimited power able to do anything.

Our God is omniscience, the state of knowing everything.

Our God is omnipresent. The presence of God is everywhere at the same time.

A God that provides me with all is worthy. It is right for us to live a Christ life like because God has given us eternal life. We should not strive for riches, wealth, faulty career, and things of the world.

Stand firm and do God's will and live a Christ like life.

Amen.