

The Christian Life

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What are the characteristics of a
Christian?

Or... How is a Christian different?



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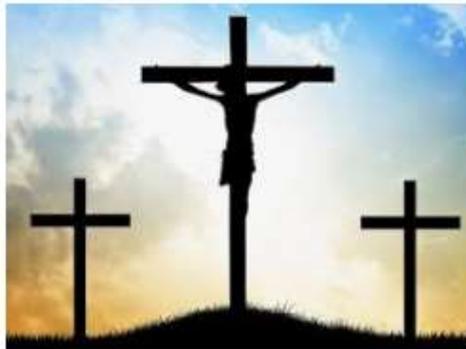
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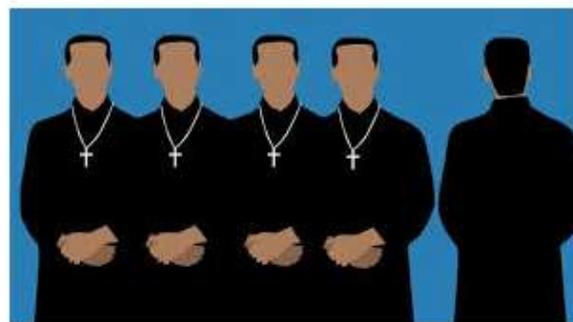
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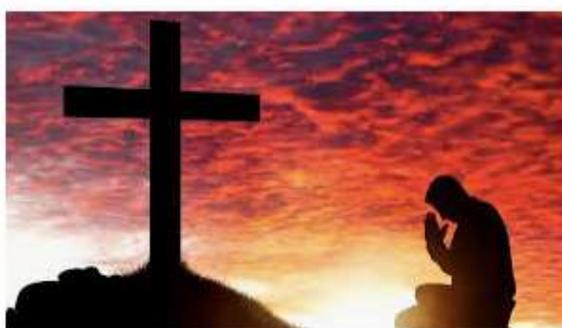
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How do we live a life that
exemplifies Christ?

我們如何活出一個帶有基督的生命
？

#1 Stand firm in one
spirit even when it is
counter cultural

Phil. 腓立比 1:27-2:11

27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, **28** and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

27 不過，你們行事為人應當和基督的福音相配。這樣，無論我來見你們或是不在你們中間，都可以聽到你們的情況，就是你們有同一的心志，站立得穩，為了福音的信仰齊心努力，**28** 甚麼事都不怕有反對你們的人，這就證明他們要滅亡，你們要得救，這都是出於 神。

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- Share your faith boldly!
- Be cool about your faith. It's okay to be an odd ball. **Fear of God vs. Fear of Man**
- Find a Christian buddy in work place and be a cheer leader for one another.

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29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, 30 engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

29 因為 神為了基督的緣故賜恩給你們，使你們不單是信基督，也是要為祂受苦； 30 你們面對的爭戰，和你們在我身上所見過，現在又聽到的是一樣的。

2:1 So if there is any encouragement in Christ,
any comfort from love, any participation in the
Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my
joy by being of the same mind, having the same
love, being in full accord and of one mind.

2:1 所以，你們在基督裡若有甚麼鼓勵，有甚麼愛
心的安慰，有甚麼靈裡的契通，有甚麼慈悲和憐憫
， 2 就應當有同樣的思想，同樣的愛心，要心志相
同，思想一致，使我充滿喜樂。

3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

3 不要自私自利，也不要貪圖虛榮，只要謙卑，看別人比自己強；4 各人不要單顧自己的事，也要顧別人的事。

The truth is....

There is a cost for unity,
yet it is necessary.

Why don't we want to give "it"
up for others?

- 1) Not worth it
- 2) Uncomfortable
- 3) I don't care.

I > Others
I > Group
My Value > Gospel

Follow Christ? Sure!
Sacrifice for His people? No!

You and I are here because
of GRACE.

沒有什麼好誇口也沒有什麼好
計較的啦！

Application:

- Think about your small group/fellowship, what is one thing you can give up OR go extra mile for the group?
- What can we practically do this week to love our neighbor?
- People can tell when we genuinely love them as Christ does.

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5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

5 你們應當有這樣的思想，這也是基督耶穌的思想。6 祂本來有 神的形象，卻不堅持自己與 神平等的地位，7 反而倒空自己，取了奴僕的形象，成為人的樣式；8 既然有人的樣子，就自甘卑微，順服至死，而且死在十字架上。

9 Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

9 因此 神把他升為至高，並且賜給祂超過萬名之上的名。10 使天上、地上和地底下的一切，因著耶穌的名，都要屈膝，11 並且口裡承認耶穌基督為主，使榮耀歸給父 神。”

“Don’t take yourself too seriously, but take the calling of God with dead seriousness.”

–Dr. Wilkins

Is your title...
A description of functionality
OR
An entitlement (The right to...)

Am I serving others or am I exalting myself?
Focus on responsibility & purpose.

Reflection

- What titles do I have? Am I faithfully fulfilling the responsibility of the given title?
- Remember... God calls us to be faithful servants.

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為了你/妳/祢，我願意！