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# IMITATE

- Greek VERB ~ imitating the conduct of others in a constant habit or practice; to follow in steps.
- Greek NOUN ~ “to be, become” as if one becomes what he is mimicking.

*And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit*

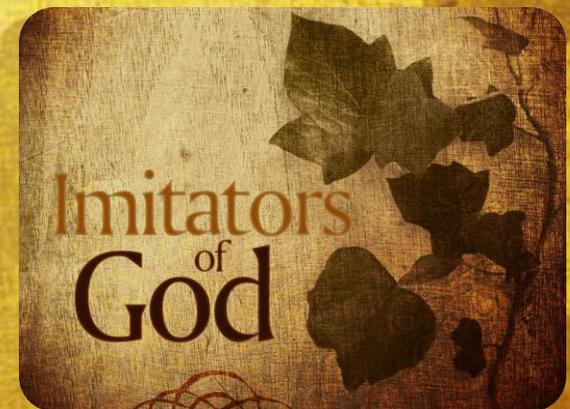
*1 Thessalonians 1:6 (p1356)*

# You Became Imitators Of Me

- **1 Corinthians 4:16 (p1313) Imitate me**
- **1 Corinthians 11:1 (p1319) Christ**
- **Be in Christ like I am in Christ**

**If everyone was a faithful to the Lord as I am  
where would the church be today?**

**NO GREATER STEPS ARE  
MADE BY MAN THAN HE  
WHO LEADS ANOTHER**

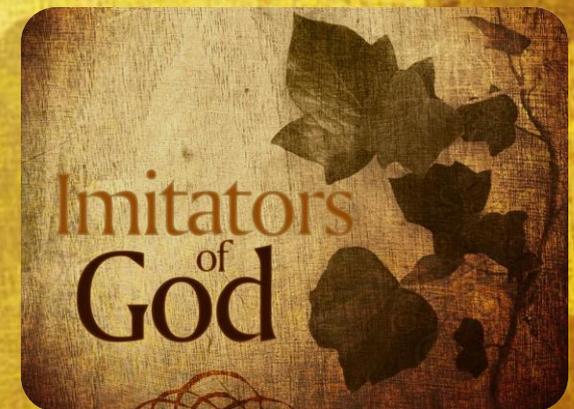


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- **Imitate me as I imitate Christ**

**Matthew 5:14-16 (p1115) GLORY of GOD**

**1 Peter 2:11-12 (p1392) God ... GLORY**



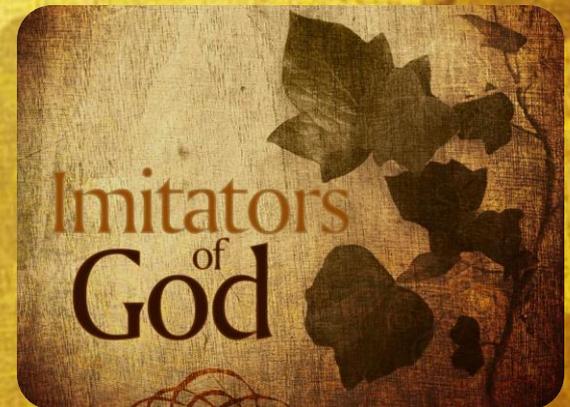
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- **Who are those we can IMITATE?**

- **Hebrews 11 (p1381)** is a good start

*Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us ...*

**Hebrews 12:1-2 (p1383)**



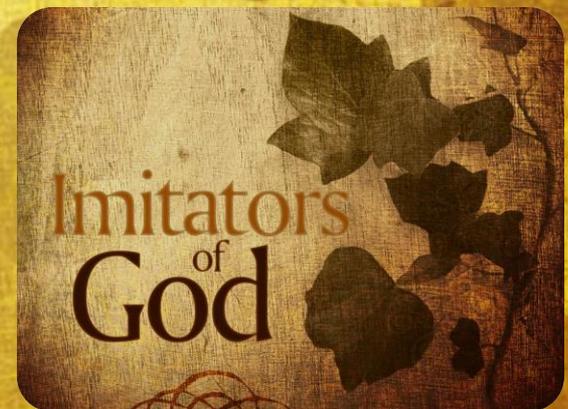
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*Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

**Hebrews 12:1-2 (p1383)**



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**PAUL WANTED IN EVERY WAY TO BE LIKE  
CHRIST**

*That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.*

**Philippians 3:10-11 (p1350)**

**Verses 12-21** set forth a **PATTERN** to follow

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**CONSIDER ALL THE EXAMPLES I CAN FOLLOW.**

- **Spiritual leaders** **Hebrews 13:7 (p1384)**
- **Faithful** **Hebrews 6:12 (p1377)**
- **Older folk** **Titus 2 (p1370)**
- **As Paul did** **1 Corinthians 11:1 (p1319)**
- **Good people** **3 John 11 (p1404)**
- **Right steps** **1 Peter 2:21 (p1392)**  
**1 John 2:5-6 (p1399)**

For whom He foreknew,  
He also predestined to be  
**conformed to the  
image of His Son,**  
that He might be the  
firstborn among many  
brethren.

**(Romans 8:29)**



1 CORINTHIANS 11:1 NLT

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and you should imitate me, just as i imitate christ