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INTRODUCTION

Last time, we were able to see how believers should be a living witness in word, conversation, and charity. Today, we shall examine more areas where Christians are meant to reflect Jesus in their daily living.

Bible Text: Daniel 1:1-21

WAYS OF BEING AN EXAMPLE

4. IN SPIRIT:

To be an example in spirit means not only to outwardly do what we know is right and honouring to God, but to do it with the right attitude. Your facial expressions, mannerisms, or even tone of voice often reveal the attitude of your heart.

1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:23

- Do not be proud, arrogant, or boastful Philippians 2:3–4
- Be meek and humble 1 Peter 5:5–6
- Be sincere in everything you do and are Joshua 24:14
- Forgive those who have wronged or falsely accused you – Ephesians 4:32
- Worship God in spirit and in truth John 4:23–24

5. IN FAITH:

The word faith in this context means being fully persuaded and convicted about God's instructions to you. You must know what you believe, and why you believe it. You cannot have true conviction unless you truly know what God's Word says concerning how to live your life.

- Possessing a strong belief or faith in God and Christ
 Hebrews 11:6
- Displaying the character of faithfulness and dependability – Revelation 2:10
- At all times, and in all trials, show other believers by your example how they ought to maintain unshaken confidence in God Psalm 118:8–9
- Grow in faith, follow faith, and hold fast the profession of your faith – 2 Thessalonians 1:3; 2 Timothy 2:2; Hebrews 10:23

6. IN PURITY:

If you are saved, your body belongs to God, not to yourself – Romans 12:1

- Your body is the temple of God 1 Corinthians 3:16–19; 1 Corinthians 6:19
- Flee fornication 1 Thessalonians 4:3–4; 1 Corinthians 6:18
- You must ensure that you never use your body in any manner which brings shame and dishonour to God.

FACTS ABOUT BEING A LIVING WITNESS

- The devil is trying to pressure you to "loosen up" and accept worldly ideas and teachings (Job, Daniel, Joseph).
- You are called by God to be an example of the believers – 1 Timothy 4:12
- Hypocrisy, disobedience, and compromise on the part of others is no excuse for you to "throw in the towel"

 2 Timothy 2:19 (Eli's Children and Samuel 1
 Samuel 2:12, 26)
- Your background is not an excuse not to honour God and walk closely with Him (Samuel, Abraham, Enoch).
- We must possess a personal, individual relationship with God.
- Be sincere in your walk with God and your conduct before others but be sincerely right.
- Do not base your sincerity on what someone else is telling you or on your own emotional experiences.

Find out from the Word of God how to live the Christian life and genuinely possess a relationship with Jesus.

• If you fail the Lord, get back on track through prayer and Bible study, and purpose to please Him in everything you do – Philippians 1:10

CONCLUSION

Remember, you are called by God to be an example of the believers. You have no excuse to default. If the apostles among the Pharisees, Joseph in Egypt, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in Babylon could be examples of believers—despite their environment—and Abraham was able to walk with God without an example, then you are expected to do even more.

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