

"God's Love Letter To an Unlovely Church"

"Being An Exemplary Christian"

*1 Corinthians 11:1 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

1. We All Have Examples and Are To Be An Example of Christian Living

The Examples We Have -

*1 Corinthians 4:14-16*

*Philippians 3:17a*

*Titus 2:7-8*

*2 Thessalonians 3:7-8*

*1 Timothy 4:12*

The Examples we are to be—

*Philippians 3:17b*

*1 Thessalonians 1:6-8*

2. No Matter Who We Are, We Are Never a Perfect Example of Christian Living

Why doesn't Paul just say *Be imitators of me, I'm an apostle!!!*

Though our example is to be exemplary..

We must not canonize our examples and expect perfection before...

*Matthew 23:1-3*

3. Though Your Example Is Never Perfect, The More You Are Like Christ, the Better Your Example

But wasn't Jesus perfect.. WWJD?

However, as a true man, much of his life does

*John 13:15-16*

*1 Timothy 1:15-16*

*1 Peter 2:20-22*

*"I make Christ my example. He is my model in all things; and if you follow him, and follow me as far as I follow him, you will not err. This is the only safe example; and if we follow this, we can never go astray." Albert Barnes*