



THINK LIKE JESUS

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1 John 2:5-6 NLT

But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the thoughts... "I think toward you", says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Ephesians 2:10

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

Living as Those Made Alive in Christ

Colossians 3:2 NIV

Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

John 3:16

"For God so loved that world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

It starts with our "THINKING"

Romans 8:5 NLT

Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit.

Romans 8:6 NASB

For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace..

2 Corinthians 5:15-17 NLT

He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a



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human point of view. How differently we know him now! This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

1 Corinthians 2:16 NLT

For, "Who can know the LORD's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach Him?" But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

"God is looking for people through whom He can do the impossible, what a pity that we plan only the things we can do ourselves." - A.W. Tozer

Philippians 2:5 (NCV)

"In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus."

10 Characteristics of THINKING like Jesus

1. I KNOW EXACTLY WHO I AM.

Jesus said: "I am:

- ...the Bread of Life." - John. 6:35
- ...the Light of the world. - John. 8:12
- ...the Good Shepherd - John.10:11
- ...the Resurrection & the Life. - John.11:25
- ...the Way, the Truth & the Life -. John 14:6
- ...the True Vine. - John.15:1
- ...the Son of God. - Mark. 14:61-62

2. I KNOW GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MY LIFE.

John 8:14 (NIV)

"I know where I came from and where I am going."

Luke 2:49 (KJV)

"I must be about my Father's business."



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Luke 4:43 (RSV)

"I must proclaim the Good News about God's kingdom, for I was sent for this purpose."

John 10:10 (NLT)

"My purpose is to give life in all its fullness."

3. I'M ALWAYS AWARE THAT GOD IS WITH ME.

John 16:32 NLT

"I am not alone because the Father is always with me."

Luke 5:15-16 (NCV)

"Jesus often slipped away to be alone so he could pray."

4. I LET GOD HELP ME CHOOSE MY WORDS.

John 12:49 (GW)

"I don't speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me has commanded me what to say and how to say it."

5. I DON'T WORRY ABOUT PLEASING EVERYONE.

John 5:30 (NCV)

"I only try to please the One who sent me."

John 5:30 MSG.

Do your best. Work from the heart for your real Master, for God...

Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

6. I DEPEND ON GOD'S POWER... INSTEAD OF MY OWN.

John 5:19 (NIV)

"I assure you, the Son can do nothing by himself.
He can only do what he sees his Father doing . . ."



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7. I FORGIVE MY ENEMIES AND THOSE WHO HURT ME.

Luke 23:34 (NIV)

Hanging on the Cross, Jesus Said:

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Matt. 5:44 (KJV)

"Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those which despitefully use you or persecute you."

ACTION PLAN:

"Who" does... Matthew 5:44 speak of, in your life?

- Write out a prayer of forgiveness for them.
- Ask God to bless them and heal them.

8. I AM WILLING TO SACRIFICE FOR OTHERS?

John 10:14-15 (NLT)

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep."

Mark 10:45 (NLT)

"I came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many."

1 John 3:16 (NLT)

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers & sisters"

9. I WANT TO DO GOD'S WILL, NOT MINE.

John 6:38 (NCV)

"I came down from Heaven to do what God wants me to do, not what I want to do."

John 14:31 (NCV)

"I want the world to know that I love the Father and that is why I do everything exactly as the Father tells me to do."



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Philippians. 2:8-9 (NCV)

"Jesus humbled himself and was fully obedient to God, even when that caused his death on a cross. So, God exalted him and raised him to the highest place, and made his name greater than every other name."

10. I THINK, WITH AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

Hebrews 12:2 (NLT)

We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

Hebrews 12:2 (Mes)

"Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it."

Psalms 119:18

"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your Word!"

"Make your thoughts a sanctuary God can inhabit, and don't let any of the rest of your life dishonor God."