

“Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.” - Anne Shirley of Green Gables

Main Point: The imitation of God flows from our identity in Him and is proven true by our behavior.

Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.
- 1 John 2:6 (NLT)

And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.
- 1 Corinthians 11:1 (NLT)

Imitating God isn't about “trying harder,” but about increasing our _____
to the Spirit and His _____ work.

It's about living into our _____ so we can experience _____
_____.

Point #1: To imitate Christ begins by receiving His definition of our identity.

Our _____ comes first before our _____.

*And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me
great joy.”*
- Matthew 3:17 (NLT)

Point #2: Imitating God means walking in love, so people see your resemblance
to Jesus.

_____ in the way of love means _____ in the light.

“Two indications of a person’s character are what makes them laugh and what makes them weep.” - Warren Wiersbe

This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. - 1 John 1:5 (NLT)

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. - John 16:13 (NLT)

Point #3: Imitating God means submitting everything to our Heavenly Father.

“Nothing is harder to live with than regret.” - Mike Glenn

Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom. - Psalm 90:12 (NLT)

When we are under the influence of the Holy Spirit we don’t lose control, we gain it! - John Stott

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many. - Mark 10:45 (NLT)

The Bible’s use of the word “authority” is not _____ but _____.

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privilege; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross. - Philippians 2:5-8 (NLT)