

A HEART LIKE JESUS

“God loves us the way we are, but He refuses to leave us that way. He wants us to be just like Jesus”.

What if, for one day, Jesus were to become you ... live your life with His heart? What would you be like ...

Biblical Principles:

- 1) God wants us to “think and act” (have the same attitude) as Jesus (Phil 2:5; Eph 4:23-24).
- 2) If you are in Christ, you already have the “heart” of Christ! (Gal 2:20; I Cor 2:16).
- 3) God’s desire is to transform us to become increasingly like Jesus! (Rom 8:29; 1 Cor 15:49; 2 Cor 3:18; Col 3:10).
- 4) Some characteristics of the heart of Jesus:
 - a) Purposeful (Luke 19:10)
 - b) Spiritual
 - United with the Father and the Holy Spirit (John 14:11; Luke 4:1, 14, 18); submitted to (led by) Father (John 5:19, 30)
 - Worship (Luke 4:16)
 - Scripture (Luke 4:4,8,12,16-21)
 - Prayer (Luke 5:16; Mark 1:35)

c) Loving (John 3:16; Eph 2:4; I John 4:10)

d) Forgiving (Luke 23:34; Col 3:13; Eph 4:32)

e) Humble (Phil 2:5-8)

f) Pure (I Peter 1:19; I John 3:5; helpful tip – 2 Cor 10:5)

g) Peaceful (e.g. feeding 5000, calming the storm, Garden of Gethsamane, etc.)

h) Listening

- Listened to God via prayer (Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16)
- Listened to God via God's word (Luke 4:4,8,12,16-21)

Learning to listen:

- Regular time and place
- Ask Holy Spirit for help (John 14:26)
- Read bible carefully (Ps 1:1-3; ch. 119)
- Apply what we learn (James 1:25)

i) Worshipping (Luke 4:16; John 17:1)

j) Rejoicing (Psalm 96; Luke 10:20; Luke 15:1-10)

k) Enduring (Mat 25:23; I Cor 15:58; Heb 12:1-3)

5) Application: how can we partner with God and develop a heart more like Jesus? Practice the A-B-C method!

A = Ask (Mat 7:7-11)

B = Believe (have faith) (Heb 10:38, 11:1, 11:6; Mat 22:21-22)

C = Commit (Psalms 37: 5-6; Prov 16:3)