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“You Look Like...”

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I was pushing a cart in the grocery store, minding my own business, when this man, a police officer, started staring at me. He followed me down several aisles and continued to stare. Finally, I smiled and said hello. He smiled back and said, “You look like...you look like someone I know. You have a twin!” To which I replied, “I hope she’s a *nice* person!” He laughed and said she was indeed a nice person. We both went on our way.

When people see you or me, who do we look like? Do we look like Jesus? Do we exhibit Christlikeness? It’s not enough to just talk about it. We must *walk* the walk (Eph. 4:1, 5:2, 8, 15).

If we want to look like Christ we’ll do certain things with all people, whether Christian or not, and we’ll avoid other things:

1. Seek knowledge of God’s word, instead of seeking earthly knowledge or wisdom (1 Cor.3:18-19)
2. Serve others, rather than expecting people to serve us (John 13:14-17)
3. Seek those who are spiritually lost, instead of sitting placidly within our comfort zone (Matt. 28:19)
4. Teach, teach, and teach some more, even when we’re tired (Matt. 28:20)
5. Take a lesser position, instead of seeking the high spot (Luke 14:7-9)
6. Turn the other cheek, rather than plotting revenge (Matt. 5:39; Rom 12:19-21)
7. Hold our tongue, instead of speaking our mind (James 1:19)
8. Encourage brothers and sisters, rather than bringing them down a notch (Heb. 12:13-14)
9. Handle trials with grace and hope, instead of despair (Heb. 6:19)
10. Go in humility to those who sin, rather than exposing their weaknesses to others (Gal. 6:1-2)

Summing up, love others and seek their good (1 Peter 4:8). As children of God, let us walk the walk of Christlikeness. At all times, and at every place people should be able to say, “You look like...Jesus.”

Today’s Verse: *Therefore, be imitators of God as dear children, and walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma* (Ephesians 5:1-2).

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