

Who Will You Imitate?

Paul, in 1 Corinthians 11:1, says, "*Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ*" (1 Corinthians 11:1). The word "*followers*" is used a few other times in the New Testament, and the word means "one who does what others do" (1 Corinthians 4:16; Philippians 3:17; 1 Thessalonians 1:6). It is the same word from which we derive "mime," or a performance of emulation.

To go to heaven, you need to imitate people who are imminently spiritual. Thankfully, the scriptures provide a lot of fantastic examples. I would like to be morally pure and refuse sexual temptation like Joseph (Genesis 39:7-9). I would like to pray throughout the day like Daniel (Daniel 6:10). I would like to be submissive to the Father like Jesus (Matthew 26:39). I would like to be decisive with my family like Joshua (Joshua 24:15). I would like to share the riches of Christ with interested people like Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:26). I would like to be faithful throughout my life like Paul (2 Timothy 4:7).

A big problem in current society is that we are looking to the wrong people to imitate. We want to imitate sports stars who are ungodly and immoral, or movie/television stars who are ungodly and immoral. This imitation, at least most of the time, will lead to impurity of thought and life. Why not imitate people who are holy and godly, thus leading you a more righteous life? The greatest one to imitate is Christ, who gave His life so that we can obey the gospel and be saved. If you would like to know how better to improve your life and eternal destiny, contact us for further study.

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