

## DOES YOUR 'CHARACTER PROFILE' LOOK LIKE JESUS?

At the very moment that you first meet someone, you begin developing a character profile of that person, while they are doing the same for you. Let us take a moment and see how your "Character Profile" is developed.

Those without Christ only know conditional love, selfish love, and erotic love. But when you show Godly love – a love that is sacrificial and without limits, preferences, or condition – others can't help but see Jesus in you.

Yes, life is hard. But, joy is not about our circumstances; joy is about our condition—of being forgiven and free in Christ—which will never change. Be a person who is joyful, not continually down in the dumps, and others will see Christ in you.

In Micah 6:8 we read that what God requires of His own is "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." Are you being just, kind, and humble in your attitude toward others? If so, they will see Christ in you.

Jesus showed us that the way up is down. The last will be first. And the humble will be exalted --- "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you." (James 4:10). One who lets God exalt him, rather than exalting himself, is one through whom others see Christ.

When you display a gentle spirit, you are *showing others* that your faith and trust is in God, who can work out any situation --- "let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God." (James 1:19-20).

Do your words heal rather than hurt? Do they lift others instead of tear them down? When you speak healing, helping words, others will see Christ in you --- "Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." (Proverbs 16:2) --- "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." (Ephesians 4:29).

Concentrate on being holy, rather than hurried and harried. While the world is constantly pushing you to "Hurry up --- Get it done --- Faster --- Don't wait, do it now", scripture quietly beckons us to "Be still...." (Psalm 46:10) and "Wait for the Lord" (Psalm 27:14). Take time for God and others and people will see Christ in you.

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Lord, may our reputation with you and the world be that of a loving and caring person." John A Gray



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### WELCOME!

<u>Sunday</u>	Bible Class- 9:30 a.m. Worship- 10:30 a.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.
<u>Wednesday</u>	Bible Study-7:00pm

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**  
ROMANS 16:16

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### **Today's Sermon:** [What Jesus Has Done for Me](#)

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**Scripture:** Mark 5:1-20

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 10am. We will be studying Day 4 of the second chapter.**
- Midweek Bible Study- stay tuned as this is a work in progress!
- **Bill Colwell from World Bible School in TX will be here on April 14<sup>th</sup> to do a workshop presentation for the purpose of getting us involved in using that very effective resource for reaching the lost all over the world, as well as locally.**
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Regional Singing @ Horseheads, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm.**
- **Housewarming Celebration- Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>- Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Speakers TBD**

Next Potluck: March 18<sup>th</sup>. **Think Spring!**



- We will be taking part in the baby bottle fund raiser for the Endless **Mountains Pregnancy Care Center** again this year.
- Our **baptistery** is here! A big thank you to Sam, Doug, Ted and Bob and friends who helped unload it and bring it into the building. Meanwhile, we are still taking quotes for a **water heater**. Plans are also underway for the **kitchen**.
- Today is **POTLUCK!** Please stay after worship for this important fellowship. I heard rumors that Ted was bringing chili...
- Sandy and Arthur will be traveling to TN for a Smokey Mountain mini retreat in mid-March. More about that in a future bulletin.

## PRAYERS...

- Prayers for the wounded and families of those who died in the tragic **school shooting in Parkland, FL.**
- **Dave and Pat Halligan's son in law** passed away unexpectedly on Friday night, leaving their daughter, Nicole and two children.
- Prayers of thanks because **Don Myers** came through his back surgery very well and is recovering nicely.
- **Donald's daughter Cindy and her daughter Mariska** need prayer.
- **Darlene** is still lacking energy after her bout with the flu and still has a painful cough. She has high cholesterol too. On Thursday she will be meeting with a plastic surgeon to check out possible skin cancer on her nose.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** as she starts radiation to deal with the mass on her lungs.
- **Lori Kashorek** has gone to Sloane-Kettering in NYC for a treatment plan for her lung cancer. She is hopeful that this new treatment will bring her relief and stop the cancer growth.
- Pray for **Vicki Joice** as she continues Herceptin treatments.
- Sandy and Arthur's neighbor, **Erin Beiber** has metastatic breast cancer throughout her body. Her new chemo is causing her pain and weakness.
- **Emily Barry** will have thyroid surgery on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March in Sayre. She is applying for jobs and would like prayers for that.
- **Ted** has had a spike in blood pressure recently. Pray that he can find out why and get it under control.
- **Patty and Ruthie's cousin Cathy's husband Bruce** has kidney cancer.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry :

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