

CHRISTLIKENESS

Intro--hear much about it and do little. Why? Unwillingness but also ignorance of what it is. Most pictures not complete. Excuse of being yourself and yourself is not Xlikeness.

1. The PICTURE of Xlikeness. Gal 5:22-23.

Imp't thing is to have a balanced picture and complete. Often use Gal fruit as perfect picture of X. OK is complete picture. Picture is X.

He was not a non-entity, yet our discussions of these vss would leave Him so.

1. Love. Seeking highest good (glory of God).

X was always loving when took children, Mt 18, or when beat moneychangers, Jn 8. Love child when spank, Heb 12. Love doesn't condone sin but seeks good of sinner. Psa 5:5. Xlikeness involves a basic love but at moment on surface may seem like doing unkind act. Most need to put more love into picture. We have knowledge without love.

2. Joy. Happiness but has spiritual basis.

a. connected with future bec present circ of Xn usually don't give lasting joy. 1Tim 6:17.

2 Cor 8:2; Jn 16:33.

b. Present joy which is permanent is seeing other Xns advance in truth, 3 Jn 4. Phil 2:2;

1 Th 2:19. Seeing them saved and then grow. Imitates X perfectly, Heb 12:2.

3. Peace. Tranquility based on rt reltn to God.

a. Not earthly security Mt 8:20.

b. ~~Not~~ May involve difficulties in human relationships, Mt 10:34. Can still be Xlike and have prob in family bec of diverse spir reltnshp

4. Longsuffering. Evenness and no desire for revenge only progress. Includes patience but

~~xxxxx~~ cat waiting for mouse is only patient. Xns to be longsuffering too. Patiently working with person with glory of God in view.

Involves prodding, Jn 14:9, and judging of Xns, Acts 5. Rom 2:4 for unsaved.

5. Gentleness and 6. Goodness. Go together. 1st is beneficent thots and 2nd kind actions.

Well

Involves admonishing one another, Rom 15:14.
That's good. May involve taking away, Mt 8:14.

7. Faithfulness. Involves serving with regularity,
Tit 2:10. X, Lk 2:51. Must have chaffed under that.
People didn't live longer in those days wither.
Lk 4:16 regularity. 1 Cor 4:2. Faithfulness required,
and this is the fruit, not visible results.

8. Meekness. Gentlemenliness. Not weakness, Mt 15.
Not spinelessness. Moses, Numb 12:3 great leader.
He attracted not bec magnetic but bec meek.
Leader doesn't gather, he attracts.

9. Self-control. Esp in moral matters, 1 Cor 7:9.
Also in all disciplines of life, 1 Cor 9:25.
Balance all of these and have complete picture.

II. The PLACE of Likeness.

Will make us similar? Obliterate personality,
background diff. How related to gifts. Excuse of
not being made that way. Will Likeness change.

A. In relatn to differences between us.

Diff gifts but diff is in kind of ministry r-
characteristics of it. If exercise of diff gifts
is spiritually done then all will be char same way.
Mt 7:17. Several kinds of good trees but all have
good fruit. If don't recognize, maybe bec don't
know all diff kinds of trees.

B. In relatn to similarities bet us. All trees have
certain common traits. Therefore all Xlike Xns
will have. If don't see some things then right
to judge.

III. The PRODUCING of Likeness. How.

Matter of yieldness to HS but suggest aids to that.
ABC's. A. Appraise background. Try to remove
influence factors, rearing, denomination, natl traits.
e.g. Man in Rothesay who swore I was PB.

B. Believe God. Not spiritual Deist in Xn livin;.
Fear of supernatl can make you frigid. or stagne .

C. Change into image of X. Not self-developmt but
X being formed in you. You ought to be best rep-
resentation of X there is, not of you. That
necessitates change, yieldness, love of Him.