

Women & More

Chip Off the Divine Block

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As members of the family of God, we must “manifest the family likeness”—be conformed to the image of the Lord Jesus Christ. God’s purpose for your life is for you to be like Jesus!

“One of God’s main jobs is making people.
He makes them to replace the ones that die,
so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth.
He doesn’t make grownups, just babies.
I think because they are smaller and easier to make.
That way he doesn’t have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk.
He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.”

Danny Dutton, Chula Vista, CA (8 years old)

“To wait for God, and to suffer His will,
is to know Him in the fellowship
of His sufferings, and to be
conformed to the likeness of His Son.”

Anna Shipton

“Christians are windows through which the glory of Jesus should shine;
let Jesus shine in you so He can shine through you.”

Anon.

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Genesis 1:27

Ecclesiastes 7:29

John 15:18-19

Ephesians 3:20

Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 8:29 “For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

NOTES on Speaking Session:

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. We know that we were *created* in the image of God, but what does it mean for a follower of Christ to be conformed to His image?

2. Just as there are no self-made Christians, we know that only the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of adoption) can shape us into Christ’s image. What do you think your part is?

3. What would the Church be like if every believer yielded to the Holy Spirit’s prompting to look like Jesus, talk like Jesus, act like Jesus, and love like Jesus? Give six descriptive words.

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Recommended Reading:

Improving Your Serve, Charles Swindoll

Intimacy With God, Cynthia Heald

Knowing God, J. I. Packer

The Pursuit of Holiness, Jerry Bridges

Christian Commitment Statement

Cove Ministries of Royal Oak, MI

I am part of the fellowship of the unashamed.

I have Holy Spirit power.

The die has been cast.

I have stepped over the line.

The decision has been made.

I am a disciple of His.

I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away or be still.

My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure.

I'm finished and done with low living, small walking, small planning,
smooth moves, colorless dreams, faint visions, mundane talking
and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, products, or popularity.
I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded.
I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lifted by prayer.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is long, my way is
rough, my companions few, my God reliable, but my mission is clear.
I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded,
or delayed.

I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary,
negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity,
or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, let up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up,
paid up, and preached up for the cause of Christ.

I am a disciple of Jesus.

I must go to the cross and work until He stops me.

When He comes for His own, He will have no problem recognizing me,
because my banner will be clear.

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