

Sermon Notes November 12, 2017 KINGDOM BUILDERS—IMITATE GOD

Merriam-Webster Dictionary: **Imitate**; To follow - as a pattern, model, or example. It means to be like or appear like, (to resemble). Or, to copy.

Psalm 8:2 NIV; Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

Ephesians 5:1-10; Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. 2 Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. 3 Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. 4 Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. 5 You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. 6 Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. 7 Don't participate in the things these people do. 8 For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! 9 For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. 10 Carefully determine what pleases the Lord.

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1 Corinthians 11:1; And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.	
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Psalm 25:8; The Lord is good and does what is right; he shows the proper path to those who go astray.

Genesis 4:7; You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.

Proverbs 14:12; There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.

Deuteronomy 6:18; Do what is right and good in the Lord's sight, so all will go well with you.

Micah 2:7b; If you would do what is right, you would find my words comforting.



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1 John 3:7; Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous.

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Proverbs 2:14; They take pleasure in doing wrong, and they enjoy the twisted ways of evil.

1 Peter 3:17; Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong!

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Genesis 3:22; Then the Lord God said, "Look, the human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil.

Ephesians 4:22-24; ...throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. 23 Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. 24 Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

Romans 7:18-19; And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. 19 I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.

Romans 8:2, 6; ...because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ...letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

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1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, 10 or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.

Matthew 25:34; Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world.