

TRAITS OF JESUS TO EMULATE:

As a young Christian leader we ask you to emulate Christ in all that you do. Take some time to reflect over these questions of yourself this week:

Loving: Am I motivated to do for others what Christ has done for me, or am I giving in order to receive something in return?

Joyful: Am I experiencing a joy of life on a regular basis, or is my happiness dependent on things going smoothly in my day?

Peaceful: Do I find myself exhausted by the crashing waves of turmoil in my life, or am I experiencing "the peace that passes all comprehension" (Philippians 4:6-7)?

Patience: Am I easily set off when things go wrong or people irritate me, or am I able to keep a godly perspective in the face of life's irritations?

Kindness: Is it my goal to serve others with kindness, or am I too focused on my own needs, desires, or problems to let the goodness of God overflow to others?

Goodness: Does my life reflect the holiness of God, and do I desire to see others experience God at a deep level in their own lives?

Gentleness. Do I come across to others as brash and headstrong, or am I allowing the grace of God to flow through me to others?

Self-control. Are my fleshly desires controlling my life, or am I allowing the Spirit to direct me to the things that please God and serve others?

22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

What the world needs is more of Jesus. Our task as Jesus disciples is to be his hands and feet here on earth. Are you reflecting Christ in the world?