

# In Touch - June 2012



## Be like Jesus—LOVE

### Galatians 5:22-23

#### Impossible Love Made Possible

When a lawyer asked Jesus which commandment was the greatest, He said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind," and "the second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Matt. 22:37, 39). What an overwhelming assignment!

In our own strength, none of us can live up to this obligation, but the Lord has provided a way for His children to do the impossible. The indwelling Holy Spirit works to produce His fruit in us, and first on the list is love (Gal. 5:22). In fact, the other eight qualities are really just descriptions of its expression.

Whenever we demonstrate kindness, patience, or gentleness, we see the Lord's love at work through us, especially when the other person has been unkind and doesn't deserve such pleasant treatment. This fruit is not produced by trying harder to muster good will toward someone who is irritating or hard to get along with. Instead, think of the process more like sap running through a branch on a grape-vine. The branch doesn't make grapes; the sap does. In the same way, *the Spirit flows through us, producing God's love in us, so that we can pass it on to Him and others.*

Agape love is the reason we are able to care for someone who mistreats us—it's God's doing, not ours. Even the adoration we offer the Lord is not something that we can produce in our own heart apart from His assistance. Though the command to love is enormous, God's grace makes it possible. **Dr. Charles Stanley**

#### Theme Song: I want to be like Jesus

Love, joy, peace, and patience too  
Grow in those who trust in You  
All who put their hope in Christ  
Kindness, goodness, faithfulness  
Self-control and gentleness  
Live in those who have new life

#### CHORUS

I want to be like Jesus  
To walk and talk like Jesus  
I want to live like one who follows Him  
I want to love like Jesus  
To give my all like Jesus  
I want to live like one who follows Him

#### VERSE 2

I don't always do what's right  
Jesus lived a perfect life  
And for sins like mine He died  
Teach me to obey Your Word  
Help me to put others first  
Holy Spirit, change my life

# To Be Like Jesus

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."  
Mark 10:45 (NIV)



T G B B O G R E A T L U D T A  
 Y M K B F Y B R T A C Z Z Y B  
 V S A D Z J A U A U L E F T M  
 D R P N R P P L H T I R O S Y  
 K I Y F T O T E A H U C R R J  
 F G B I Q M I R B O S K O T T  
 Z H G R O I Z S N R G L V N U  
 Y T R S R G E U U I G Q A Q H  
 Q G N T M W D W C T K V U V I  
 G A P G K V W J X Y R L E C E  
 R E V I M D U V A E W F S B I  
 V B U V D Q Y E S M I Z L Z N  
 B P W E A J Q E B L E T J H P  
 C Q W A P J K N U Q D S O V Q  
 H Z H R D Q R K I F Z J U P P

James	left	rulers	servant	give
John	glory	authority	first	life
right	baptized	great	slave	ransom

*To be like Jesus means a life of service to others.* "Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be the slave of all. For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many."  
Mark 10:43b-45

Have you ever wished for something? Sure you have. We all have. Sometimes we make a wish without thinking about what would happen if our wish really came true. James and John were two brothers who were disciples of Jesus. One day, the two of them came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask." They wanted to share in his greatness.

Jesus answered them and said, "You don't know what you are asking." Then he explained that whoever wants to be great must be a servant of all. He said, "For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many." (NLT) Jesus was right! I don't think that being a servant was exactly what James and John were wishing for!

Sometimes you and I may say, "I wish I could be more like Jesus." Is that really our wish? If we really want that wish to come true, *we must give our lives in service to others.*

Dear Jesus, help us to mean it when we say, "I wish I could be more like Jesus." Amen.

*We exist to glorify God by inspiring and equipping people to lead like Jesus...Ps. Shalom*

# Becoming Like Jesus

A disciple is one who learns from his master with the intention of becoming like the master, and he becomes like his master in the end. The way to become like Jesus is to learn from Him. We have to first become a disciple, and then we have to learn from Him daily and follow Him. God's ultimate plan for His children is to make us like His Son Jesus Christ (Rom.8:28, 29). If we see how unlike Jesus we are in ourselves, one of our greatest desires would be to become like Jesus.

This is an active process where we are consciously involved in observing Jesus, listening to Him and doing what He tells us. Like in any other learning process it goes step by step, because we need to complete lower level lessons before we can proceed to higher levels. This is a process in which Jesus is involved in training us, and we are to respond by obeying Him.

## Motivated By Love

When we really love Jesus it will not be a burden for us to obey Him (1Jn.5:3), even though many times it would mean that we cannot do what our 'flesh' likes (Rom.8:8). We see how the love Jacob had for Rachel helped him to serve his father-in-law Laban for 7+7 years in order to marry her (Gen.29:20). Our love for Jesus will help us to see our goal of becoming like Him and pleasing and honouring Him more valuable for us than *all the sinful pleasures we need to give up* (Heb.11:25,26). We learn more and more about Him from His Word, and then we seek to obey Him in everything, and denying ourselves from going according to our own selfish desires.

**“Are we going to be drawn away from Jesus?”**

We meditate on the beauty of Jesus which the Holy Spirit reveals to us, and we seek to become like that with all our heart. We humbly ask God to show Himself and His ways to us and to transform us into His image. We also meet with other disciples to encourage and challenge one another on this way.

We are not going to be changed into the image of Jesus unless we are seeking for it with a conscious focus on it (Jer.29:13). Our flesh, the world and Satan are all working against us, and if we passively let things happen as they come, we are going to be drawn away from Jesus. But when we have seen ourselves as depraved and corrupted by sin and see Jesus as our Saviour, the gratitude and love that well up inside us will motivate us to press on to get closer to Jesus and to be changed into His character.

While receiving the forgiveness of our sins is the beginning of the Christian life, growing in grace and being transformed into the character of Jesus is the most exciting part. That is where we grow by facing the temptations of life, getting to know Jesus in a practical way, gaining in wisdom and becoming a blessing to others around us. This is the way Jesus will be glorified through our life.

## Give and Take...

For to the bee a flower is a fountain of life  
And to the flower a bee is a messenger of love  
And to both, bee and flower  
The giving and the receiving is a need and an ecstasy



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I USED TO GO TO THAT CHURCH, BUT WHEN THEY WENT ONLINE AND THEIR SERVER KEPT CRASHING I ASSUMED THAT THEY WEREN'T CLOSE ENOUGH TO GOD

# Praying Like Jesus

By Pastor Rick Ezell

The disciples only asked Jesus to teach them one thing: how to pray. There are 10 ways could find in bible about becoming “Praying like Jesus” in all our circumstances and situation.

1: Jesus believed that prayer works.

3: Jesus prayed alone.

5: Jesus prayed before meals.

7: Jesus sang some prayers.

9: Jesus prayed for his disciples.

2: Praying did not make Jesus passive.

4: Jesus prayed in community.

6: Jesus offered thanks.

8: Jesus prayed before making important decisions.

10: Jesus continues to pray for us.

We often read biographies of great people to learn the secrets of their lives. When you read the biographies of Jesus’ life, the gospels, you learn one of his great secrets. Jesus modeled prayer. If He prayed, we need to pray. We need to emulate what he did. Jesus knew the effectiveness and the power of prayer. Jesus prayed and He healed; He believed and He acted; He preached and He lived. Jesus warns against inactivity and passivity. *Prayer is never an excuse for failing to act.*

**Because of what God has done for us—his action—should compel and motive us to act.** We should pray, but we should also act. In the words of John Wesley: “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.” Like Jesus, we should pray as though it all depended on God, but act responsibly and obediently as though it all depended on us.

Jesus gave thanks when he prayed (Read Matt. 11:25-26). He set for us a model that we should follow. To fail to give thanks reflects on the condition of our relationship with God. If we are not thanking God, we are probably unaware of God’s merciful and generous provision. How often do we forget the gracious hand of God and his bountiful blessings on our lives.

**Prayer keeps us in tune with God’s will and God’s purpose.** “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish his work” (John 4:34).

**Jesus continues to pray for us:** Jesus has made it his continuing purpose to pray for us: “He always lives to intercede for them” (Hebrews 7:25).

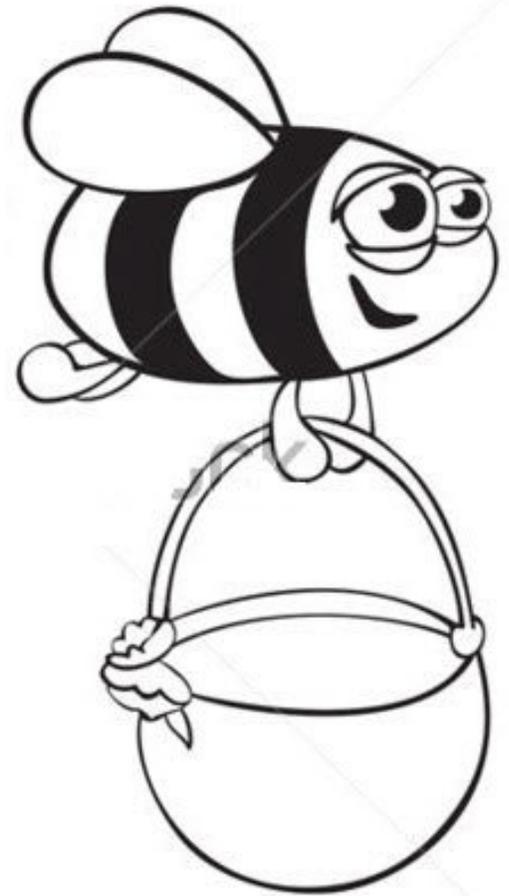
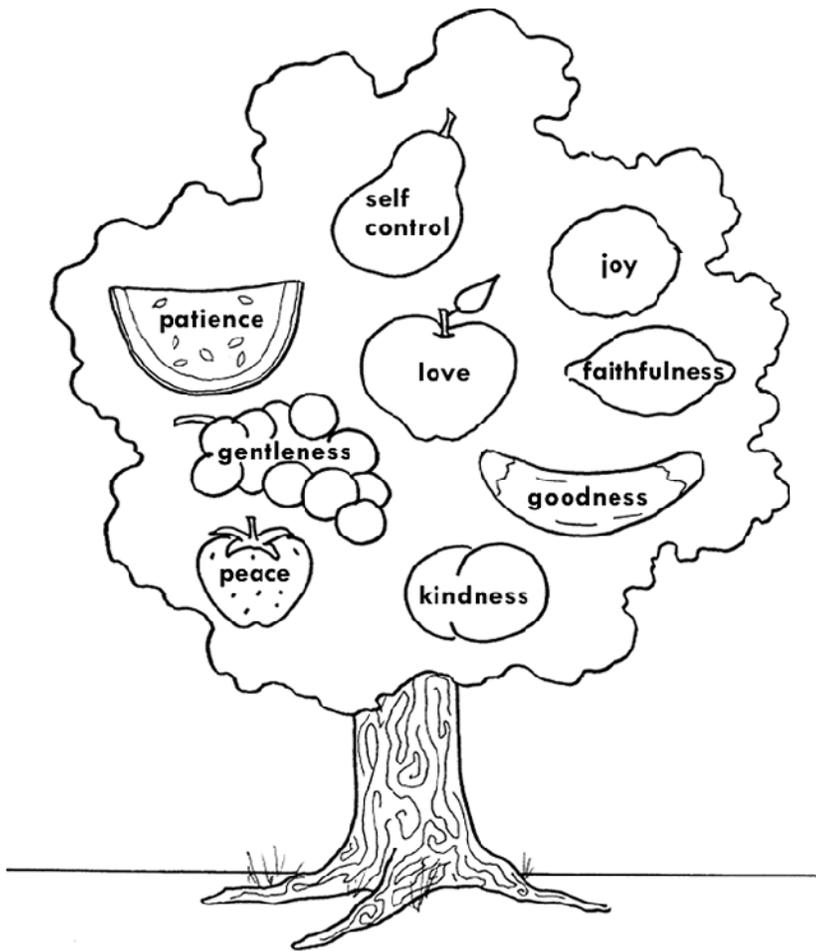
**“He”** Jesus stands in the gap making petitions to God on my behalf. He is our representative. He is our mediator in salvation and our mediator in heaven.

**“Always”** Permanence and authority are in the role that Jesus plays. Jesus never stops praying for us. He is always at our disposal before the throne of heaven pleading our case and sharing our cause with the Father.

**“Lives”** Jesus is alive to fulfill his role. His resurrection proves that Jesus is alive, but what is he doing with all that time at his disposal? He is praying for you and me. Christ’s life in heaven is his prayer for us.

**“To intercede”** The word means “to meet, to approach, to appeal, to make petition.” Intercession involved our Lord’s representation of his people at the throne of God. “For them” Jesus is praying for us, his disciples, his followers, his friends. Jesus lives for that relationship with God and keeps you and me in mind as he communes with the Father. When we pray, we join a prayer meeting that Jesus is already leading on our behalf.

As we incorporate these practices of prayer modeled by Jesus into our behavior, then we will see the power of prayer as manifested in Jesus’ life a living reality in our lives.



**Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand**  
**Matthew 14:13-21**



Obey God  
 Always do what is right  
 Never Lie  
 Be Nice to others  
 Never say anything....  
 bad about any one.

Chose friends who Love God  
 Keep your Promises  
 Share with what you have  
 Never hurt anyone .... to get  
 what you want {Psalm 15}

# Birthday Celebrities



## Over Night Prayer

28th June 2012

Faheheel @ 9 pm

Salmiya @ 10pm

## Wedding Anniversary

1. Edward & Reeta 11th June
2. Gary & Kathy 18th June



... be filled with the Spirit!



ephesians 5:18

Cell Meeting @ Salmiya  
On Every Monday @ 7pm

Keep In touch: Bro. Maxwell

*Manna House*  
FOOD FROM HEAVEN

*Kannada Bible Study*

16th June @ 6:30pm

Place: Bro. James (Salmiya)

Contact: Pastor / Sis. Prabha

Come  
Worship  
with us!

Faheheel @ 10am

Annex Hall @ 4pm

Hall of Hope @ 6pm



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**T. I. G. H. T.**  
Coming Soon  
Matthew 18:20