

THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST

Developing Winning Character – Part 6

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As a Christ follower, what's my ultimate goal in life?

My ultimate goal is to be _____ !

1. WHAT IS JESUS LIKE?

- He's not a _____...

He is a _____.

John 10:10-11 (NIV) *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."*

Revelation 3:20 (NIV) *"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with Me."*

- He's not a _____...

He is an _____ shepherd.

John 10:12-13 (NIV) *"The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep."*

John 10:14-15 (NIV) *"I am the good shepherd; I know My sheep and My sheep know Me-- ¹⁵just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father--and I lay down My life for the sheep."*

2. WHAT DOES JESUS OFFER TO US?

- We can be _____ by God.

Romans 8:15-16 (NIV) *“For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of Sonship. And by Him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’¹⁶ The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.”*

Ephesians 1:4-5 (MSG) *“Long before He laid down earth’s foundations, He had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of His love, to be made whole and holy by His love.⁵ Long, long ago He decided to adopt us into His family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure He took in planning this!)”*

- We can be _____ with Christ.

Romans 8:17 (NIV) *“Now if we are children, then we are heirs-- heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.”*

Matthew 12:50 (NIV) *“For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.”*

3. HOW CAN WE BECOME LIKE CHRIST IN CHARACTER?

- We _____ in character through God’s Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18b (NLT) *“And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him and reflect His glory even more.”*

Galatians 5:22-23a (NIV) *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness and self-control.”*

- We _____ God’s Spirit to our culture.

1 John 4:13 (NIV) *“We know that we live in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.”*

John 21:17 (TEV) *“...Simon son of John, do you love Me?’ Peter became sad because Jesus asked him the third time, ‘Do you love Me?’ and so he said to Him, ‘Lord, You know everything; You know*

that I love You! Jesus said to him, **'Take care of My sheep.'** ”