

“Christians: Connect the Dots!”

Text: Colossians 3:12-14

1. IF one is reading the Bible with any regularity, praying on a consistent basis for God to give wisdom for living, striving to put into daily practice what the Holy Spirit is teaching, I submit to you that one’s \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will match up. I have named that conduct as “connecting the dots.”

2. Our world needs desperately to be “\_\_\_\_\_” to people who identify as disciples of Christ, who are living and acting like Jesus.

Galatians 5:22-23: **22 ...the Spirit produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control....”**

3. What is the point of becoming a follower of Jesus Christ?

- A. To learn to love \_\_\_\_\_ with all of your being
- B. To learn to love \_\_\_\_\_, like God loves you

4. What demonstrates the validity of our declaration of being a follower of Jesus is that each of us are living a life characterized by \_\_\_\_\_ to the guidance of God’s Holy Spirit.

I John 2:3-6 says: **“We know that we have come to know Him IF we obey His commands. The man who says, ‘I know Him,’ but DOES NOT DO what He commands is a liar, and the truth is NOT in Him. But IF anyone OBEYS His word, God’s love is truly made complete in Him. This is HOW we know we are in Him: Whoever claims to live in Him MUST WALK as Jesus did.”**

5. Jesus’ beliefs and behaviors were ‘in \_\_\_\_\_’ with scripture, and they pointed people to God.

6. The only way we can accomplish that is by listening to and following the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit. It is part of His ministry to every Christian to give us the power, guidance and wisdom we need to “do life” in a God-honoring way.

**7.** When you and I make a personal commitment of faith to believe in Jesus as our personal Savior and to live for Him, the Holy Spirit begins the process of “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” everything in our lives that doesn’t look like Christ.