

Devotional thoughts for the week leading up to May 6, 2018

Have you ever tried to follow a pattern for something and found it to be either: easy to follow or very difficult? We are to follow the pattern set for us by Jesus but: how do we do that and what does that look like? This week we will discuss setting examples, or patterns, for all of life—what kind of example are you setting?

*Monday — read TITUS 2:6-10 – Paul exhorts Titus to show himself as an example and he offers him a few areas in which this should show up. Then, Paul refers to servants with more exhortations related to character—note what he offers and ask how you are doing in these areas.*

*Tuesday – read 1 CORINTHIANS 10:6-11 – the word for ‘example’ shows up both in verse 6 and 11. The older testament offers many patterns for us as we seek to live life today. Note what Paul offers here as items for us to avoid through the patterns of the past.*

*Wednesday – read PHILIPPIANS 3:17-21 – I am challenged by Paul’s exhortation in verse 17. If people follow “our” example—what would their spiritual lives look like?*

*Thursday – read 1 THESSALONIANS 1:6-10 – what a great testimony of a church that became a pattern for others. Pray that Faith Bible Church would also be ‘that kind of church.’*

*Friday – read 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-9 – note Paul’s strong thoughts on imitating him and following his pattern. Again, pray that God would allow us to display that same character in our lives.*

*Saturday — read 1 TIMOTHY 4:12-15 – to Timothy, Paul writes a similar exhortation as he does to Titus. From verse 12, use this as a ‘checklist’ for where you are being an example to others.*

*Sunday — read TITUS 2:6-10 -- in preparation for the sermon today.*