

Character

To inspire a deeper commitment to godliness

The next ten weeks will encourage you to live like Jesus and to continue developing godly character in your life. As you read these devotions, spend time examining your heart to see what the Lord desires to do in you and through you.

“God’s ultimate goal for your life on earth is not comfort, but character development.”¹

“Your character is essentially the sum of your habits.”²

*Put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.
(Ephesians 4:24)*

Week 43—Like Christ

Read

Albert Schweitzer was acclaimed in his day as one of the greatest men on earth. He was a missionary in the heart of Africa. He won more honors than any living man at that time. He won the Nobel prize in 1952. On one occasion, when he came to Chicago, a group of prominent citizens came to welcome him. They gathered around him, gave him the key to the city, and told him that they were greatly honored by his visit. The reporters took notes and the photographers were getting many pictures. Suddenly the great man excused himself. He rushed over to a little woman who was struggling with a heavy suitcase and several packages. He picked these things up and told the woman to follow him. He literally ran interference for her through the crowded station, put her on the train, and wished her a pleasant journey. When he returned to the committee, he said, “I am sorry to keep you gentlemen waiting, I was just having my daily fun.” And one of the reporters said, “That is the first time I ever saw a big sermon walking.”³

Reflect

*“Jesus must become greater; I must become less.” (John 3:30)
John the Baptist*

Respond

When people look at you what do they see? More of you or more of Christ?

Write your thoughts here:

Prayer Requests for yourself, your students, and others with whom you serve in ministry:

Remember

Think about it:
On a scale of 1 to 10, how much are you like Christ?

¹Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*, (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishers, 2002), p. 173, 175.

²Ibid.

³W. Herschel Ford, *Sermons You Can Preach on John*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1958), p. 273-4.