



JESUS CHRIST OUR ROLE MODEL

Introduction

A role model is someone whose life has been proven worthy of emulation. Someone who has been through all kinds of humiliation, suffering at the same time maintains the dignity and poise of humility, respectability, royalty and grandness. There is only one person who walked in this planet earth who can lay a claim to this. His name is Jesus. He is the best and only example that is worth emulating. As we explore the following areas where Jesus provided us an example, may we will be challenged to give our best and live the life He lives in these areas.

I. EXAMPLE IN SERVICE

John 13:12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. **13**"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. **14**Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. **15**I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. **16**I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. **17**Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Matthew 20:24 When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. **25**Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

26Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, **27**and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— **28**just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

II. EXAMPLE IN DELIGENCE

2 Thessalonians 3:6 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching^[a] you received from us. **7**For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, **8**nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. **9**We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow. **10**For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

John 9:3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. **4**As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. **5**While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

III. EXAMPLE IN PATIENCE

1 Timothy 1:15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners— of whom I am the worst. **16**But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. **17**Now to

the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

IV. EXAMPLE IN SACRIFICE

1 Peter 2:18 Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. **19**For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. **20**But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. **21**To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2: 22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." **23**When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. **24**He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. **25**For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

V. EXAMPLE IN LIVING OUT PRIORITIES

Mark 1:35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. **36**Simon and his companions went to look for him, **37**and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

Mark 1:38 Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why

I have come." **39**So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

VI. EXAMPLE IN HUMILITY

Philippians 2:1 1If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, **2**then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. **3**Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. **4**Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2: 5Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: **6**Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, **7**but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. **8**And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became to death—even death on a cross! **9**Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, **10**that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11**and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

VII. EXAMPLE IN OBEDIENCE

Romans 5:18 Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. **19**For just as through the disobedience of the one

man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Hebrews 5:7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. **8**Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered **9**and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him **10**and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Matthew 26:36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." **37**He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. **38**Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." **39**Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. **Yet not as I will, but as you will.**" **40**Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. **41**"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." **42**He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, **may your will be done.**"

VIII. EXAMPLE HOW TO WIN AGAINST TEMPTATION

Hebrews 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. **15**For we do

not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. **16**Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 2:18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. **2**After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. **3**The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." **4**Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" **5**Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. **6**"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" **7**Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" **8**Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. **9** "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." **10**Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" **11**Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

IX. EXAMPLE IN HONESTY

John 10:27-29 “Jesus risked His life by telling the truth. A mark of honesty.

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. **28** I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. **30** I and the Father are one." **31** Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, **32** but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?" **33** "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God." **34** Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are gods'?" **35** If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came—and the Scripture cannot be broken—**36** what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'?" **37** Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does. **38** But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father." **39** Again they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp.

X. EXAMPLE IN PRAYER

Mark 1:35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Luke 5:15 Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. **16** But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Luke 21:37 Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple, and each evening he went out to spend the night on the hill

called the Mount of Olives, **38** and all the people came early in the morning to hear him at the temple.

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40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. **41** "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." **42** He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." **43** When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. **44** So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

CONCLUSION

1 Corinthians 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. **32** Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God—**33** even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy— think about such things. **9** Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Challenge

Be careful whom you follow. Who you model your life after, because who will end like your model. Anna Nicole Smith according to many new reports, she patterned her life after Marilyn Monroe. And she became famous and wealthy but not without pain, problems, and tragedy which can never be remedied by wealth or fame. So, just like Marilyn Monroe, she died a tragic death in her thirty's.

Pattern your life after Jesus Christ. He is the best model.