



1. practice Christ-centered worship

Matthew 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

² "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east, and have come to worship Him."

...¹¹ And they came into the house and saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell down and worshiped Him; and opening their treasures they presented to Him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Hebrews 1:6 And when He again brings the first-born into the world, He says, "And let all the angels of God worship Him."

2. practice Christ-centered humility

Philippians 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Mark 10:44 ...whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all.

⁴⁵ "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

3. practice Christ-centered compassion

Hebrews 2:17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

¹⁸ For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

2 Corinthians 1:4 (God) comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.

⁶ But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer;

4. practice Christ-centered missions

John 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.

¹⁸ "As Thou didst send Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

¹⁹ "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ "I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

5. practice Christ-centered forgiveness

1 Timothy 1:15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost *of all*.

¹⁶ And yet for this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

Matthew 9:9 And as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man, called Matthew, sitting in the tax office; and He said to him, "Follow Me!" And he rose, and followed Him.

¹⁰ And it happened that as He was reclining *at the table* in the house, behold many tax-gatherers and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples.

¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to His disciples, "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax-gatherers and sinners?"

¹² But when He heard this, He said, "*It is* not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick.

¹³ "But go and learn what *this* means, 'I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Luke 19:1 And He entered and was passing through Jericho.

² And behold, there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; and he was a chief tax-gatherer, and he was rich.

³ And he was trying to see who Jesus was, and he was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature.

⁴ And he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way.

⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

⁶ And he hurried and came down, and received Him gladly.

⁷ And when they saw it, they all *began* to grumble, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."

⁸ And Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much."

⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.

¹⁰ "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a certain king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

²⁴ "And when he had begun to settle *them*, there was brought to him one who owed him ten thousand talents.

²⁵ "But since he did not have *the means* to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made.

²⁶ "The slave therefore falling down, prostrated himself before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will repay you everything.'

²⁷ "And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt.

²⁸ "But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him and *began* to choke *him*, saying, 'Pay back what you owe.'

²⁹ "So his fellow slave fell down and *began* to entreat him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you.'

³⁰ "He was unwilling however, but went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed.

³¹ "So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their lord all that had happened.

³² "Then summoning him, his lord said to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you entreated me.

³³ 'Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, even as I had mercy on you?'

³⁴ "And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him.

³⁵ "So shall My heavenly Father also do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart."