

# What it takes so others see Jesus in you

## Part V

Today we end our discussion on what it takes for others to see Christ in you. I hope and pray this discussion has been helpful and thought-provoking.

### **9. Don't Worry**

When we worry, freak out in our frustrations, or just burn the midnight oil striving for what we believe we must do, we are showing the world that we believe we are in control and if we stop and rest, it will all fall apart. That's not how Jesus lived. He lived in perfect peace, even in His most trying moments. That's because He was aware of His Heavenly Father's presence, protection, and provision. Can we say the same?

When you and I practice Philippians 4:8-9 and worry about nothing, but pray about everything, we will experience His peace and we will live much more like Jesus, a life characterized by peace rather than worry and restlessness.

Those who don't know God stress as if they are the ones who must make everything happen. One who is following Christ and fully dependent on Him will display a quiet peace and trust, knowing that God is able to supply all His needs (Philippians 4:19) and is working all things together for his or her good (Romans 8:28-29).

### **10. Be Zealous for God's Glory**

This is the one that might make other people uncomfortable around you, but it's what makes people uncomfortable around Jesus, too. If people are truly going to see Jesus in you, they are going to see a zealousness for the glory of God.

Don't be afraid to offend someone who claims to come in the name of God but is preaching a different gospel. Don't be afraid to offend someone by speaking out about how they are oppressing the poor. Don't be afraid to confront legalism or religious pride if it is putting an unfair burden on the servants of the Lord or distracting from the Gospel. That kind of stuff angered Jesus. It made Him look like a madman with a whip in the temple courts! Jesus was stubborn about protecting the holiness, integrity, and glory of God. When you do that too, people will see a side of Jesus in you that they hadn't seen before.

The Apostle Peter spoke the words, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9). There is no better way to present Christ to the world than by our everyday life.

What does it take for others to see Jesus in you? It takes your making a daily effort to give Christ more than lip service. It takes determination that you will make a difference where you are.