

What it takes so others see Jesus in you

Part IV

We continue our discussion today on what it takes for others to see Christ in you. We started this discussion three weeks ago talking about our need to learn to love like Jesus loved us and we must learn to forgive as we have been forgiven and want forgiveness. Two weeks ago, we discussed showing joy in all situations and learning not to be critical. This week we continue talking about our tongue and our attitude. Remember, we need the world to look at us, so they can see Christ. Here is today's discussion:

7. Watch what you say

I hate to admit it, but I've read more hurtful, shocking words by Christians on social media sites that I've seen from unbelievers. It's okay to feel strongly about something and voice your concern. Jesus, many times, came out and said it like it was. But we need to show a little love, understanding, and grace by simply softening our words, especially when we're all on the same team.

Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear".

Proverbs 16:2 says, "Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."

It's been said, "hurt people hurt people." Do your words heal rather than hurt? Do they lift others instead of tearing them down? When you speak healing, helping words, instead of bitter words, stinging comments, and self-righteous rebukes, others will see Christ in you (instead of your pain).

8. Have a Christ-like mind and not man mentality

Philippians 2:5 teaches: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." We need to lose our mind and accept the mind of Christ.

First Peter 1:15-16 instructs: "But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'" At first glance, you may think I can't possibly be holy. But holiness means to be set apart because of our purity and righteousness that comes not from ourselves, but from Christ's spirit in us.

Jesus was holy (fully obedient to His Father), set apart, so very different from the world. We can have the mind of Christ by slowing down long enough to hear God's voice, notice people around us, and say a kind word. Concentrate on being holy. Take time for God and others and people will see Christ in you.