

Assurance Church
Humbled & Humble • Matthew 23:1-12

Questions:

Can you remember a person in your life that exhibited true Christianity? Why?

Can you remember a person in your life that said they exhibited true Christianity, but didn't really? Why?

Can you count how many people fall into question 1 and how many fall into question 2 above?

Corinthians 10:33-11:1 - *That is the plan I follow, too. I try to please everyone in everything I do. I don't just do what I like or what is best for me, but what is best for them so they may be saved. And you should follow my example, just as I follow Christ's.*

Romans 15:1-3 - *We may know that these things make no difference, but we cannot just go ahead and do them to please ourselves. We must be considerate of the doubts and fears of those who think these things are wrong. We should please others. If we do what helps them, we will build them up in the Lord. For even Christ didn't please himself. As the Scriptures say, "Those who insult you are also insulting me."*

Deuteronomy 6:8 - *Tie them to your hands as a reminder, and wear them on your forehead.*

Luke 14:10-11 - *"Do this instead--sit at the foot of the table. Then when your host sees you, he will come and say, 'Friend, we have a better place than this for you!' Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests. For the proud will be humbled, but the humble will be honored."*

Galatians 5:13 - *For you have been called to live in freedom--not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom to serve one another in love.*

Matthew 20:28 - *For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many."*

1 Corinthians 12:5 - *There are different kinds of service in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving.*

Colossians 1:25 - *God has given me the responsibility of serving his church by proclaiming his message in all its fullness to you Gentiles.*

"Impression without expression causes depression." – Rick Warren, PDL

Matthew 16:25 - *If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for me, you will find true life.*

"Ask yourself questions: What do I really enjoy doing most? When do I feel the most fully alive? What am I doing when I lose track of time? Do I like routine or variety? Do I prefer serving with a team or by myself? Am I more introverted or extroverted? Am I more a thinker or a feeler? Which do I enjoy more--competing or cooperating?" **Rick Warren, PDL**

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