



1. Imitate _____ (*Matthew 1:18-25; 2:13-23;*
Luke 2:22-24, 39-41)

2. Emulate _____ (*Matthew 1:18-19*)

3. Welcome _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Luke 17:5**. In what circumstances do you find your prayer echoing the disciples' in this passage?
2. Read **Proverbs 29:25**. How does fear negatively impact your pursuit of godliness?
3. Read **Psalms 40:8** and **Matthew 5:7**. How does one exercise the virtue of Matthew 5:7 without violating the virtue of Psalm 40:8? What are some of the situations of life that necessitate keeping both of these clearly in view?
4. Read **3 John 9**. How can a desire for prominence and recognition set you up for disobedience to God's word and God's will for your life?
5. Read **1 Corinthians 4:16-17** and **Philippians 3:17**. As you considered Joseph's life, what aspect of his example challenged you most? What will you do about it?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule
December 17th
Obadiah & Rev.8
December 18th
Jonah 1-4 & Rev.9
December 19th
Micah 1-3 & Rev.10
December 20th
Micah 4-5 & Rev.11
December 21st
Micah 6-7 & Rev.12
December 22nd
Nahum 1-3 & Rev.13
December 23rd
Habakkuk 1-3 & Rev.14
December 24th
Zephaniah 1-3 & Rev.15

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point website (FocalPointMinistries.org).
Msg. 14-32 – **When the Task Seems Impossible**
Msg. 07-21 – **Trusting God When Your Back's Against the Wall**
Msg. 05-02 – **Learning the Art of Biblical Compassion**
Msg. 12-34 – **Mary: God's Humble Teenager**
Msg. 10-53 – **Christology: The Incarnation**
Msg. 16-38 – **The Meaning of the Virgin Birth of Christ**
Msg. 13-01 – **Priorities in Tension: Learning from the Perfect Twelve-Year-Old**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Edwards, Jonathan. **Charity and Its Fruits.** Banner of Truth, 1969.
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Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living.** Thomas Nelson, 1990.
Tada, Joni Eareckson & Steve Estes. **When God Weeps: Why Our Suffering Matters to the Almighty.** Zondervan, 1997.
Wiersbe, Warren, ed. **Classic Sermons on Suffering.** Kregel Publishing, 1984.