

Imitate God

Scripture

“Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.” (Eph 5:1-2 NKJV)

Devotion

It is the most natural thing in the world for a child to imitate his/her parent. Little boys always want to be like their fathers and little girls like their mothers.

As God’s children we too should desire to be like our heavenly Father in conduct, especially love. This is the supreme character quality.

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have [the gift of] prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed [the poor], and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing” (1Co 13:1-3 NKJV).

Sacrifice is the language of love. As it is written, “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends” (John 15:13 NKJV).

If you wish to imitate your heavenly Father, focus on your relationships. Are you sacrificial, or demanding? All the commandments rest on two great commands; love God and love others as yourself (Mark 12:30-31). Imitate God by loving others and sacrificing.