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Whom do you remind people of? At work or in society at large, is it evident that you are a Christ-follower? Jesus is always our supreme example for how to live a godly life in an ungodly world.

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Peter told us that we should submit to government as well as to management, and now he tells us why we should—because Jesus did and He's the one we follow.

FIVE WAYS TO BE LIKE JESUS

1. Like Jesus, Live with Endurance (v. 21)

To put up with harsh circumstances and people

To endure or suffer unfair treatment

Because we follow a suffering Savior

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"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

The footsteps He has laid out for us are, in many places, footsteps of suffering

Example

Greek word is *holograms*, literally *writing under*

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We're following His steps, literally *footprints*

2 Timothy 3:12

Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus
will be persecuted.

2. Like Jesus, Forgo Vengeance (vv. 22-23a)

(Isaiah 53:9)

His grave was assigned with wicked men,
Yet He was with a rich man in His death,
Because He had done no violence,
Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

2. Like Jesus, Forgo Vengeance (vv. 22-23a)

Peter had to learn: Matthew 18:21-22

How many times do I forgive before I start fighting
back?

Forgiveness is easy to preach and listen to sermons on,
but try living it out

2. Like Jesus, Forgo Vengeance (vv. 22-23a)

Frederick Buchner

"Of the seven deadly sins, anger is possibly the most fun. To lick your wounds, to smack your lips over grievances long past...to savor to the last toothsome morsel...in many ways it is a feast fit for a king. The chief drawback is that what you are wolfing down is yourself. The skeleton at the feast is you"

3. like Jesus, Rest in Confidence (v. 23b)

Commit means let it go, turn it over, drop it off

Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

1 Peter 4:19; have you learned to do this?

3. like Jesus, Rest in Confidence (v. 23b)

If you don't do this, you will be a very bitter person

Retaliation costs; righteousness pays rich dividends

4. like Jesus, Love with Extravagance
(vv. 24-25)

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

You can't be a good Christian without love

4. like Jesus, Love with Extravagance (vv. 24-25)

People's imperfections as sinners' demand forgiveness
and love

Matthew 5:44

When you pray for someone long enough who you regard as your enemy, they can't stay your enemy too long; your feelings change toward them

5. like Jesus, Display Patience (v. 25)

God was patient with you in the past
(Luke 15:11-32)

Closing

Here we are today; called to put our lives over the image of Jesus Christ and trace a life for ourselves that models His

God has been patient with some of you for a long time

Jesus never met a disease He couldn't cure, a demon

He couldn't cast out, or a dead person He couldn't

resurrect

Closing

But He met plenty of people He could not convert
Salvation requires an act of your will; if you haven't
done that, He's waiting for you to come home

LET'S REVIEW

To Be Like Jesus

- 1. Live with endurance**
- 2. Forgo vengeance**
- 3. Rest in confidence**
- 4. Love with extravagance**
- 5. Display patience**