

We Are Being Watched

We learn best by seeing.

Researchers estimate that 83 percent of what we know has come to us by watching and observing.

Visual aids help us retain what we learn and refine a skill.

Visual aids can inspire us to accomplish what we may not have thought possible.

God uses personal examples in the Christian Bible to show us His way of life, the way of love.

God knows that examples are clearer and more powerful than words alone.

John 1:1, 14 [NIV] *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” ... “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

Jesus Christ, the Word who is also God became a human being to show us by example what God is like and the way He lives, the way of love.

The life of Jesus Christ, God’s Word in the flesh, shows us the intent of God’s desire for us to love one another.

Romans 13:8-10 [NIV] *“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellow-man has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,” “Do not steal,” “Do not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” Love does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.”*

The 10 Commandments and the many other laws and statutes were only words.

Love is expressed in words but even more explicitly by actions.

John 15:12-13 [NIV] *“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”*

Jesus Christ not only commanded us to love one another but then illustrated this love by laying down His own life for all humanity.

Romans 12:1 [NIV] *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship.”*

The way we show our gratitude to God for what Jesus Christ has done for us all, is to offer our lives as a living sacrifice.

Sacrificing our desires and will in our serving the needs of others, both physically and spiritually.

God looks on such unselfishness as an act of worship.

True Christians savour the community in which they live, mainly by personal example.

John 15:14-16 [NIV] *“You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and*

appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.”

God wants our Christian life of love for others, our willingness to give of our time, talents and wealth for the benefit of all who are in need physically and spiritually.

Our lives to be a light in this darkened world full of selfishness.

We do not know the impact this can have on the lives of others.

1 Peter 2:12 [NIV] *“Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”*

People will eventually come to see Christ, living His life again on earth through us, by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:15-18 [NIV] *“If you love me, you will obey what I command. **And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever, the Spirit of truth.** The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. **I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.**”*

Jesus Christ lives again through us as we are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 5:8, 11 [NIV] *“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Live as children of light**” ... “Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.”*

Our examples in life should point to a better way of living and reveal Satan’s world as a counterfeit.

Be a positive example.

Philippians 4:11-13 [NIV] *“I am not saying this because I am in need, for **I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.** I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. **I can do everything through him who gives me strength.**”*

The “him” in this statement of Paul is Jesus Christ living in him.

Treat all you meet with God’s love and joy.

A positive person stands out in a crowd.

Give others a smile to encourage them in every possible situation.

Be courteous when you drive, patient at all times.

2 Timothy 1:7 [NIV] *“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.”*

The Holy Spirit in us brings with Him confidence, power, love and self-discipline.

Jesus Christ is the perfect example we should observe and follow.

Read about Jesus Christ’s life, words and reactions in the Christian Bible.

Matthew 28:18-20 [NIV] *“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of***

*the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.** And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

As Christians and disciples of Jesus Christ the major task in our lives is to spread the Good News of what Jesus Christ has done and is doing now for all humanity.

Teaching others, mainly by personal example, God's way of life, that of love.

Love to our Creator God and every other human being we meet day-by-day.

As Christians we are being watched by those who as yet do not know their Creator God, **do not worship Him as they should and do not yet love Him as a reflection of the love that God has for them.**