

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Becoming Who God Created You to Be

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Requirements for Being a Godly Role Model

In this series so far we've talked about:

- Becoming a Grace-Full Woman
- Becoming a Fanatical Encourager
- Becoming a Courageous Ezer-Warrior
- Becoming a Joyful, Happy Woman

As we consider what it means to be a godly role model, it means you are serious about all of these "Becomings." You have a consistent commitment to be in the Bible, grow in your knowledge of the Bible, pray daily and grow in your ability to pray effectively, earnestly strive to obey God in all areas of your life, repent frequently and love and serve others.

Paul's admonition to your Timothy is very specific.

1 Timothy 4:12: *Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers **in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.***

Speech: Don't underestimate the power your words have on others and on yourself. Pray these scriptures into your life.

Ephesians 4:29: *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*

Psalms 141:3: *Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips.*

Proverbs 16:24: *Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.*

Conduct: That means behavior.

- Are you disciplined in your everyday life?
- Do you have a tendency to be lazy?
- Are you fairly organized and neat?
- Are you squeaky clean when it comes to honesty and integrity?
- Do you keep commitments and promises?
- Are you dependable?
- Do you work hard?

Love: Jesus said the two greatest commandments are to love the Lord God with all your heart, and to love your neighbor as yourself. Who do you have trouble loving?

Ask God to help you see people the way he sees them. Pray for people you want to learn to love, even your enemies.

Faith: How can you set an example of faith to others?

- By refusing to worry. Worry is a sin. Jesus said:
Matthew 6:25, 34: *“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. . . . Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”*
- By refusing to harbor fear.
- By being thankful in all situations.

Purity: You show an example of purity by:

- Refusing to watch immoral tv or videos or movies.
- Always telling the truth.
- Never being deceptive or manipulative.
- Having a purity in all relationships, i.e., sexual purity.

Christian role models show us what faithfulness to Jesus looks like in the grind of ordinary life—how the head knowledge of a hundred sermons should move our hands and feet.

Who are/have been the role models in your life?

Ask yourself: Who have been the role models in my life?

I think of Jacob in scripture. He was a very deceptive man and throughout his life we see how he practiced deception at various times. Where did Jacob learn this?

We are all role models.

Who are the people in your life over whom you have some influence? You'll be surprised how wide your influence spreads. Paul wrote:

1 Corinthians 11:1: *Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.*

That is the Bible standard of role modeling; that's what the Apostle Paul told the Corinthians.

2 Thessalonians 3:7 – 9: *For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example... we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow.*

Paul *inconvenienced himself* in order to establish a strong model for the Thessalonian church to follow.

Become an Intentional Mentor

Have you ever mentored someone? Mentoring is a biblical principle.

Titus 2:1 – 5: *You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine. Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.*

We really need to take this challenge personally. As an older woman—and that means a bit older in your faith journey—you are to teach younger women, married and single.