

## ***Be like Jesus***

How can we be like Jesus? How could any human being ever be like Jesus? Yet, Jesus tells us that *every* disciple will be like his teacher. (Better choose our teachers wisely...) In light of these words we are reminded of an important fact; if we strive to become disciples of Jesus Christ then we *will* be like Jesus in due time if we keep seeking him.

How do we become like our teacher? How can we be like Jesus? Well, our teacher, Jesus Christ, gave us the first step. Jesus instructs us to take the wooden beam from our own eye first. Yes, we must first find the healing we need so that we can see clearly. How do we do this? Where do we start?

I believe we start by looking within and listening to our inner voice. Do you speak kind words to yourself? Do you love and appreciate the beautiful creature you are? Have you forgiven yourself for past behavior and wrong-doings? Remember, you are created in the image of an all loving God and this offers eventual perfection. You must love yourself before you can love others.

We are invited to move towards perfection and Jesus told us that we will become like him when we become his disciple. Yes, we can be like Jesus!

Quote; the only difference between the saint and the sinner is that every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future. – Oscar Wilde

Another Quote; Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love. – Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

On your journey you are called to love and appreciate who you are as God's son or daughter, a beloved child with much to give the world. Yet, all of us must take the steps necessary to reach perfection. We must finish the race strong, by loving God, ourselves and our neighbor!

***Together through prayer and service,***

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