

## *A Life we long to see*

I was reading a quote from an author of a young adult fiction book that he told to young writers, “Write a book that you want to find on the shelf.” That’s a powerful suggestion for writing and living. Here’s a question to think about, ‘write down 5 ways you would want everyone else to live.’ Then think about; are you living the way you want everyone else to live? Here is another quote that comes to mind about this question. “Do as I say, not as I do!” Through my experience in life this quote applies more often than not.

As Christians, Jesus urges us to live a lifestyle that demonstrates God’s mercy to all. “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you for my sake and pray for those who mistreat you”. He also says “Do to others as you would have them do to you”.

Sounds impossible, yes it does if we rely on our own strength and resolve. The strength comes from the Holy Spirit; Because God is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. So be merciful just as your Father is merciful. That’s a life we all long to see!

*Together through prayer and service,*

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