

Lesson 5

We have spent some time on the “despising” side of this verse and I think we’re ready to move on into the “instruction in righteousness” part.

“...be thou an example of the believers...” Another word for example that we saw in our last lesson was _____ (Titus 2:7)

I’m one of those people who hates to take the time to do things right. I’m what you call an “eyeballer”. Instead of taking the time to create or follow a pattern, I just “eyeball” it. I’m sure you know that many of my projects end up either in the garbage or just “not quite right”.

My mistakes are not earth shattering as my “eyeballing” projects are usually of the baking, crafting, sewing or some other non crucial type. But when it comes to the Christian life, we don’t want to be reckless, careless, ignorant or rebellious to the pattern we are to follow. Our verse says “be thou”. So stop thinking how others like mom and dad, your pastor, siblings, friends, etc. are doing with their life and focus on YOU! When I say you, I mean the new man you. That creature God created in you the moment you trusted Christ as your Saviour.

We know the old man has been Gal. 2:20 “I am _____ with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but _____ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

Gal. 5:24 “And they that are Christ’s have _____ the flesh...”

Rom. 6:6 “Knowing this, that our _____ is _____ with him...”

Col. 2:12 “_____ with him in baptism” (spiritual not water).

As far as God is concerned your old man (all that you are in Adam) was not worthy of rehab, but death. God says the old man is dead and should be reckoned so by us.

Rom. 6:11 “Likewise reckon (count as true) ye also yourselves to be _____ indeed unto sin...”

God’s appeal is always to our new man. Rom. 6:4 “...walk in _____ of life.”

Eph. 4:24 “And that ye put on the _____ which after God is created in _____ and true _____.”

Col. 3:10 “And have put on the _____...”

The natural man (unregenerate, old man) does not receive the things of the Spirit of God as we read in I Cor. 2:13. It is our new man where God focuses His attention. Ought not we also? When our attention is on the “old man” we will be sin conscious, either to fulfill the lusts of it or to be discouraged by our failures.

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Our new man is designed to be _____ in knowledge in Col. 3:10. It's our new man that Paul instructs concerning our being an example of the believers. Rom. 12:1, 2 "...but be ye transformed by the _____ of your _____...".

Our new man is instructed to example or pattern the believer.

Let's take a look at the word example or pattern. Both these words speak to a design and a design leads us to a designer, a pattern maker.

God loves to design!! We are going to spend a little time in the scriptures looking at "God the Designer".

Job 10:8 What does Job say God designed or fashioned? _____

In Ps. 139:14 David says he is wonderfully _____ and marvellous are thy _____.

Gen. 2:7 "And the Lord God _____ man of the dust of the ground..."

Do we not stand amazed at the pattern, design of the human creation? The detail and the intricacies of the eye, brain, the heart, etc. all point to a Master Designer.

In Gen. 6:15 what is being fashioned? _____

And in Gen. 6:22 we see that Noah did according to _____ that God had commanded him. Did God want Noah customizing the ark?? Maybe using a nice oak wood instead of gopher wood??

In Ex. 25:8 speaking of the tabernacle that God wanted Moses and the children of Israel to build, He says in vs. 9 "According to all that I shew thee, after the _____ of the tabernacle, and the _____ of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it."

Ex. 25:40 the candlesticks were to be made after their _____.

Acts 7:44. In Stephen's address to the Jewish council he says "Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had _____ speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the _____ that he had seen."

Heb. 8:5 God admonished Moses "...that thou make _____ things according to the _____ shewed thee in the mount."

Every single item concerning the tabernacle had a pattern. Detailed as to the material, size, workmanship, weight etc. Nothing was left up to human imagination concerning its construction. Read through Ex. 35 – 40 and appreciate the care, concern, detail the importance God puts on His design!

When building the altar king Ahaz desiring to build the altar gave to Uraiah the priest the _____ of it in II Kings 16:10.

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We'll end with Ps.104. Please read the short chapter. In verse 3 we see the beams of his chambers in the waters, the clouds, and wind. In vs. 5 the laying of the _____ of the earth. In vs. 19 the _____ and the _____ and so forth. The design of the universe!!!

Job 38:4 God speaking to Job says "Where wast thou when I laid the _____ of the earth...?"
Vs. 5 "Who hath laid the _____ thereof... or who hath _____ the _____ upon it?" "Whereupon are the foundations thereof _____? Or who laid the corner _____ thereof;"

And do we not break forth in praise as did the angels in vs. 7 when we behold the design and workmanship of God's mighty universe??

God loves design and He gives great attention to detail. There's no need for any improvising or customizing on man's part. His design is perfect. And it is His design, pattern, example that we are going to study for the believer!

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Comments

Two corrections in lesson five are: Col. 2:2 should be Col. 2:12 and Gen 25:40 should be Ex. 25:40. Sorry

Answers to the blanks are:

Pattern	works	measures
Crucified	formed	stretched
Christ	ark	line
Crucified	all	fastened
Old	pattern	stone
Man		
Crucified	pattern	
Buried	pattern	
Dead	appointed	
Newness	fashion	
New	all	
Man	pattern	
Renewed	pattern	
Renewing	beams	
Mind	moon	
Human body	sun	
Made	foundations	

I hope you enjoyed studying God's wonderful designs from the body to the universe.

Before we look at God's pattern for his most treasured possession on earth, the Body of Christ, we are going to first discover just who or what is a believer.