

4. Romans 15:3... We are told that not even Christ pleased Himself or made that His goal... and we should follow that example in our dealing with others.

III. Conclusion: It is impossible to escape the fact that we should be molded after the pattern of the Lord's life especially in the areas indicated and those implied. That is why we study His personal life---that we might be like Him and show the reality of His dwelling with us. We will, of course, never be perfected in the flesh but that cannot be used as an alibi for not living for Him.

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MESSAGE # 2: SOME PERSONAL ATTITUDES OF THE LORD

Biblical Passages: John 4:6 ff, 8:1-11

I. Introducing the Subject:

As it is expected we would pattern our lives after the Lord, it is apparent that we need to know as much about Him as possible. We know *He is friendly, helpful, given to teaching, and companionable* in every way. But somehow we need to crystallize these things so that they are brought into our own realms of thinking. To relate or try to discuss all of the personal characteristics of the Lord would be a vain effort that could not be accomplished in every so many lessons so we are not going to try that now. *But what we can do is to note some of the distinguishing personal attitudes of the Lord and prayerfully consider how these may impact our lives. That is the current project and we will pursue it on the following lines.*

II. Discussion:

A, The personal attitude of freedom. We are told in John 8 how knowing the truth will make us free and the Lord Jesus is the truth and shows perfect freedom from legalism, fear, censoriousness, self righteousness---all personal character traits that handicap us in our witness for the Lord. He is free from these things and offers that freedom to us as well in Himself.