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MODULE 5 — CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

Becoming More Like Jesus Every Day

Module Overview

One of the greatest evidences of spiritual maturity is not simply what we know about Jesus—it is how much our lives begin to look like His.

God's goal has never been merely to make us more religious.

His desire is to transform our hearts until our thoughts, attitudes, words, and actions reflect the character of Jesus Christ.

Christian character is not something we manufacture through determination or self-improvement. It is the visible result of God's sanctifying grace working within us through the power of the Holy Spirit. As we surrender our lives to Christ, He shapes us from the inside out.

Jesus gave us the perfect picture of godly character. He demonstrated humility instead of pride, compassion instead of judgment, forgiveness instead of revenge, truth instead of compromise, and sacrificial love instead of self-interest.

The Beatitudes, the Fruit of the Spirit, and the teachings of Jesus all reveal the kind of people God desires us to become.

Character is formed one decision at a time.

Every act of obedience.

Every choice to forgive.

Every opportunity to serve.

Every moment we choose Christ over ourselves.

These daily decisions fan the embers of our faith until our lives radiate the love and holiness of Jesus.

"Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did."

— 1 John 2:6

Learning Objectives

By the end of Module 5, you will:

- Understand what Christian character is.
 - Discover how Jesus modeled godly character.
 - Study the Beatitudes as the blueprint for Christian living.
 - Learn the importance of holiness, humility, and integrity.
 - Develop habits that reflect Christ in everyday life.
 - Understand how character prepares you for future leadership and ministry.
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LESSON 17 — THE CHARACTER OF JESUS

Theme

Jesus is both our Savior and our example.

Key Scriptures

- Philippians 2:1–11
 - John 13:1–17
 - Hebrews 12:1–3
 - 1 Peter 2:21–23
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Big Idea

The more we know Jesus, the more we become like Him.

Introduction

People often ask,

"What would Jesus do?"

Perhaps an even better question is,

"Who is Jesus becoming in me?"

Christian maturity is measured by Christlikeness.

Jesus consistently demonstrated:

- Compassion
- Humility
- Mercy
- Courage
- Truth
- Forgiveness
- Patience
- Obedience
- Love

These qualities weren't occasional actions.

They were His character.

As disciples, we are called to reflect the same heart.

Reflection

1. Which character trait of Jesus inspires you most?
 2. Which one challenges you the most?
 3. What relationship in your life needs more of Christ's character?
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Weekly Challenge

Read one Gospel chapter each day this week.

Pay attention to how Jesus treats people.

Ask yourself:

"How can I reflect that same attitude today?"

Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Shape my heart to reflect Yours. Help me become more compassionate, humble, truthful, and loving in every relationship.

Amen.

Memory Verse

"Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did."

— 1 John 2:6

LESSON 18 — THE BEATITUDES: THE HEART OF A DISCIPLE

Theme

Jesus describes the character of those who belong to His Kingdom.

Key Scriptures

- Matthew 5:1–12
 - Micah 6:8
 - James 3:13–18
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Big Idea

The Beatitudes describe who disciples become as God's grace transforms them.

Introduction

The Sermon on the Mount begins with blessings.

These blessings aren't rewards for perfect people.

They describe the kind of hearts God is forming.

Jesus says His followers are:

- Humble in spirit.
- Mournful over sin.
- Gentle.
- Hungry for righteousness.
- Merciful.
- Pure in heart.
- Peacemakers.
- Faithful even during persecution.

These qualities often look different from the world's definition of success.

But they reflect the values of God's Kingdom.

Living the Beatitudes

Ask yourself daily:

- Am I becoming more humble?
 - Am I growing in mercy?
 - Do I seek peace?
 - Do I hunger for God's righteousness?
 - Am I willing to stand for Christ with grace and courage?
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Reflection

1. Which Beatitude speaks to your current season?
 2. Which one is hardest for you?
 3. How does Jesus redefine what it means to be "blessed"?
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Weekly Challenge

Read Matthew 5:1–12 every day this week.

Choose one Beatitude to intentionally practice.

Prayer

Father,

Develop within me the heart that Jesus describes. May my life reflect the values of Your Kingdom in every situation.

Amen.

Memory Verse

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

— Matthew 5:9

LESSON 19 — HOLINESS, HUMILITY, AND INTEGRITY

Theme

God transforms our private character before He expands our public influence.

Key Scriptures

- Romans 12:1–2
 - Proverbs 11:3
 - Colossians 3:12–17
 - 1 Peter 1:15–16
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Big Idea

Who you are when no one is watching matters deeply to God.

Introduction

Character is revealed in ordinary moments.

It's choosing honesty when deception would be easier.

It's remaining humble when praised.

It's remaining faithful when no one notices.

Holiness isn't about appearing perfect.

It means being set apart for God's purposes.

Integrity means the same person exists in public and in private.

Humility recognizes every good gift comes from God.

Together, these qualities form a life that honors Christ.

Growing in Character

Healthy character is developed through:

- Daily obedience.
- Honest confession.
- Accountability.
- Scripture.
- Prayer.
- Serving others.
- Remaining teachable.

God forms us one faithful choice at a time.

Reflection

1. Where is God inviting you to greater integrity?
 2. What area requires greater humility?
 3. How can holiness become part of your daily life?
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Weekly Challenge

Ask a trusted Christian friend:

"What is one area where my character can better reflect Jesus?"

Receive their answer with humility.

Prayer

Lord,

Purify my heart. Help my private life match my public faith. Make me a person of integrity who brings honor to Your name.

Amen.

Memory Verse

"Be holy, because I am holy."

— 1 Peter 1:16

LESSON 20 — LOVE AS JESUS LOVED

Theme

Love is the defining characteristic of every follower of Jesus.

Key Scriptures

- John 13:34–35
 - 1 Corinthians 13
 - 1 John 4:7–12
 - Luke 10:25–37
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Big Idea

The greatest evidence of spiritual maturity is Christlike love.

Introduction

Jesus never said people would recognize His followers by their knowledge.

Or their church attendance.

Or their accomplishments.

He said they would know us by our love.

Biblical love is more than emotion.

It is a decision.

A commitment.

A way of living.

Love chooses forgiveness.

Love serves without expecting recognition.

Love tells the truth with grace.

Love welcomes the outsider.

Love reflects the heart of God.

As sanctifying grace continues transforming us, love becomes the defining characteristic of our lives.

Living a Life of Love

Ask yourself:

- How can I encourage someone today?
- Who needs forgiveness?
- Who needs compassion?
- How can I serve without expecting anything in return?

Every act of love strengthens the embers of your faith and points others toward Christ.

Reflection

1. Who has demonstrated Christlike love in your life?
 2. Is there someone God is asking you to forgive or serve?
 3. How can your love become a testimony of Jesus this week?
 4. What practical step can you take today to love someone intentionally?
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Weekly Challenge

Perform one intentional act of kindness every day this week without seeking recognition.

Let your actions quietly reflect the love of Christ.

Prayer

Father,

Fill my heart with Your love. Help me love others with patience, compassion, humility, and grace. May people see Jesus through the way I treat those around me.

In His name,

Amen.

Memory Verse

"By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

— John 13:35

Module 5 Wrap-Up

Christian character is not about becoming a better version of yourself—it is about becoming more like Jesus.

Through the Holy Spirit and God's sanctifying grace, your heart is being transformed day by day. As you grow in humility, integrity, holiness, mercy, and love, your life becomes a living testimony of Christ's work within you.

The world is changed not only by what Christians believe, but by how Christians live.

The embers of your faith are becoming steady and strong, producing a life that reflects the beauty and character of Jesus. As your character is shaped by Christ, God also prepares you to faithfully manage the gifts, opportunities, and responsibilities He entrusts to you.

In **Module 6**, you'll explore **Biblical Stewardship**, discovering that everything you have—your time, talents, relationships, resources, and influence—is a gift from God to be managed faithfully for His glory and the good of others.