

Following the Truth

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Webster's New World Dictionary says a "ROLE MODEL" is:
"A person or thing considered as a standard of excellence to be imitated."

Titus 2:2 "...teach older men to be self-controlled, serious, wise, strong in FAITH, in love and patience."

Titus 2:6 – 8 "Likewise, encourage young men to be wise. In every way be an example of doing good deeds. When you teach, do it with honesty and seriousness. Speak the truth so that you cannot be criticized.

SUMMARY:

We live in an era where high profile athletes, entertainers and politicians are emulated and imitated by many people. Unfortunately, some of the people we admire and respect have character flaws. As "Christ Followers" we have an obligation to live a life beyond reproach. Impressionable people in our lives are watching and may attempt to follow our lead in their walk with God. The question is: Do we reflect Biblical character traits that we want others to follow?

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- ❖ Do you have Christians in your life that you look at as ROLE MODELS? If so, what Biblical qualities do you observe in them?
- ❖ Do you feel you are a Role Model for others to emulate? If not, what areas of your life do you feel need to be improved?
- ❖ What do you consider to be the three most important Biblical attributes of a good Role Model?

APPLICATION:

NEGATIVE TRAITS TO AVOID

1. Obsessing over regrets
2. Saying "yes" to the wrong things
3. Saying "no" to the right things
4. Buying into materialism
5. Setting no priorities
6. Speaking without considering the consequences
7. Becoming negative or critical
8. Submitting to fear
9. Being paralyzed by worries
10. Ignoring small problems
11. Not learning from mistakes
12. Blaming others
13. Majoring on minors
14. Hurting others
15. Becoming cynical
16. Speaking more than listening
17. Placing comfort above character
18. Denies blind spots/weaknesses
19. Losing perspective
20. Limiting God

POSITIVE TRAITS TO MODEL

1. Strong and steadfast in faith
2. Respected
3. Faithful to marriage
4. Even tempered
5. Self-disciplined
6. Friendly and accessible
7. Knowledgeable
8. Not given to drunkenness
9. Not pushy or overbearing
10. Not petty or quarrelsome
11. Not driven by money or things
12. Good home manager
13. Attentive to spouse and children
14. Honest and humble
15. Wise
16. Fair with others
17. Able to encourage and correct
18. Committed to what is good
19. Devoted to what is right
20. Empowered by what is true

ON YOUR OWN...

Please Read & Meditate Upon The Word

- ❖ 2 Thessalonians 3:9
- ❖ 1 Timothy 4:12
- ❖ Hebrews 12:3
- ❖ James 5:10
- ❖ 1 Peter 2:21