

In the footsteps of the Master

“Therefore be followers of God’s example, as the children of His love.”

(Eph 5:1, Conybeare version)

The New Testament’s conformity pattern is laid out in 1 Peter 1:14-16: Be imitator (KJV, Eph 5:1) and zealous followers of His holiness. The dress code for every believer is Leviticus 11:44,45; 19:2; 20:7, namely be adorned with the beauty of His holiness (Ps 96:9).

Apostle Paul listed nine issues that are the hallmark of authentic Christianity: 1 Tim 4:12-16. The 9 spiritual matters that deserved our full attention: Be an example in

- a) Word
- b) Conduct
- c) Love
- d) Attitude
- e) Faith
- f) Purity
- g) Reading via doctrine
- h) Working out the prophecy of assignment
- i) Fervent meditation

One earmark feature is the daily conversation of our life. Does it exhibit humility or pride? Does it display rudeness or courtesy? We must become practitioner of Proverbs 16:21-24. May our friends eat the sweet fruit of our lips. Our lips must be redeemed by His precious blood (1 Pet 1:18,19; S.S 4:2).

In being a doer of 1 Timothy 4:12, we shall possess personal salvation: “...continue in them, for in doing this you will SAVE both yourself and those who hear you.” (v.16) May you continue to eat the fruit of life and not death (Prov 18:21). May your lips bring you into the promise land, flowing with milk and honey (SS 4:11). May your lip continue to become a living fountain of fresh water for the soul (James 3:10,11). Let the uncircumcised lips (Exo 6:12) be dwelt with. Then you shall have a powerful shepherd ministry: “The tongue of the righteous is choice silver...the lips of the righteous feed many...” (Prov 10:20,21).