

Christ- the greatest example
1 John 2:6
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Thesis: Christ is our greatest example.

- Intro:
1. There are many people who want to be examples or “role models” today.
 2. However, who is the Christians supreme example or “role model”?
 3. We will see today what an example is and who is that supreme example.

I. What is an example?

A. An example is a standard.

1. Christ is THE standard because He is our greatest example (**1 Tim 4:12**).
2. Christ left the example of those who love and follow God will suffer (**2 Tim 3:12, 1 Peter 2:21**).

B. An example is something that is worth being followed.

1. Paul says his example is worthy to be followed because he follows the greatest . . . example (**1 Cor 11:1**).
2. Those who are doing good and following God are the only ones worthy of being an example for us (**3 Jn 1:11**).

II. Christ is the greatest example.

A. Christ is the standard of how we grade our lives.

1. The world is not our standard in how we ought to live. The world is clearly centered on selfishness, materialism and ungodliness.
2. Christ (the greatest example) set forth the pattern we are to follow. Thus, His pattern is the standard by which we are to live (**Titus 2:11-14**).

B. Christ is truly the only one worthy of being followed.

1. We are called to be Christ-like, that is to be as much like Christ as possible.
2. We are told be like Christ because only by following Him can we reach the Father (**Jn 14:6**).

III. What are the results of following such an example?

A. Following the example (Christ) results in pleasing God.

1. Only those who follow Him can please God (**Heb 11:6**).
2. How can someone please God if they will not believe and follow His Son?

B. What does it mean to follow Christ?

1. To follow Christ means to do His will (**Gal 2:20**).
2. To follow Christ means we follow His commands (**Jn 15:14**).

- Conc:
1. Are we following the true Biblical standard for our lives?
 2. Are we pleasing God in our standard of living?
 3. Are you following the right example?
 4. Full Invitation