



Patterned

NorthRidge Church

Rev. Donald F. Smith

August 5, 2018

Truth for Life

For the week of August 5, 2018

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example. **Philippians 3:17 (NLT)**

We are to ...

1. Love God by ...

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)**

- _____ God's word.
- _____ to God's word.
- _____ God's word.

2. Love God's People by ...

⁹ Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. **Romans 12:9 (NLT)**

- Being _____ to the needs of one another.
- Being _____ in meeting the needs of one another.
- Being _____ in lifting one another up in prayer.

3. Serve the world by ...

¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, * baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." **Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)**

- _____ the lost.
- _____ the Gospel.
- _____ them to follow Christ.

1. What do Jennifer Lopez, Oprah Winfrey, Elon Musk, Meghan Markle, Donald Trump, Kim Jong Un, Kevin Durant, and Hugh Jackman all have in common? Answer ... they are all a part of Time's 100 Most Influential People of 2018. Who are they? Why are they influential? How have they inflicted our culture?

These may not be your favorite icons ... but who is? How have they influenced you?

Why are we so often given to "buy in" or to "model" ourselves after someone else?

2. If you can identify one person who has had the greatest impact or influence on your life (apart from God or Christ) who is it? How has your life been shaped by them (good or bad)?
3. Here are a few passages that deal with the following ... What do the passages teach us about who or what to follow and who or what to avoid?

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| 1 Timothy 4:12 | Titus 2:3-5 |
| Leviticus 18:1-5 | Ephesians 5:3-7 |
| Psalms 1:1-3 | Matthew 5:13-16 |
| 3 John 11 | Titus 3:8 |

4. Pastor Donald Smith taught Sunday about a "Patterned" life, or a life worth following. Here are a few questions to ponder ...
 - a. What characteristics do you desire to "model"? What would you desire others to see in you and therefore to model after?
 - b. How should you respond when you exhibit behavior that you don't want others to follow? What should you do when others pattern after your undesirable behavior?
 - c. How should you respond when someone whom you are influencing fails or is engaging in inappropriate behavior? Do you have a responsibility to confront and redirect? Why or why not?
 - d. What "One Thing" do you need to do in order to increase your character or influence? How can this group assist you in making that a reality?



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- Studying God's word.
- Surrendering to God's word.
- Sharing God's word.

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- Being sensitive to the needs of one another.
- Being sacrificial in meeting the needs of one another.
- Being steadfast in lifting one another up in prayer.

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