

WHAT CHRISTIANS _____ TO _____

Intro: We are going to look at what Scripture says Christians ought to be. Some of these things may _____ be found in every believer even though the Scripture teaches that they are to be a part of the Believer's life. Some of these things come with maturity, and some come with _____ living on the part of the Believer.

Every Believer ought to be:

1. _____
 - A. Matt 11:29-30-Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
 - B. Col 3:15a-And let the peace of God rule in your hearts
 - C. Joh 14:27-Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
 - D. Joh 16:33-These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

2. _____
 - A. Gal 5:22-23- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
 - B. John 15:1-5 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

3. _____ (Under the control of no one or nothing except the Holy Spirit)

I Cor 9:24-27- Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

4. _____ Truthful
 - A. Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.
 - B. Col 3:8-9-But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Col 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
 - C. Col 4:6-Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

5. Kind and ready to _____

Eph 4:31-32-Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. NKJV

6. _____ (Prudent, careful, guarded, vigilant.) {Antonym-reckless}
- A. Eph 5:15-17- See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.
 - B. Col 4:5- Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. NASV
7. Joyful and _____
- A. Phil 3:1-Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you *is* not tedious, but for you *it is* safe. NKJV
 - B. Because of Christ!
 - 1. Phil 3:3-For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.
 - 2. Phil 4:4-Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.
 - 3. Isa 61:10-I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks *himself* with ornaments, And as a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels. NKJV
8. _____
- A. Col 3:15-And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.
 - B. Col 1:12-Giving thanks to the Father, who hath made us qualified to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
 - C. Ps 100:4-Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful to him, and bless his name.
 - D. Jonah 2:9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

Concl: This is only a partial listing of what Believers ought to be. As we have considered this list today, may the Lord enable us to walk in obedience to the Word of God.