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STEP BY STEP | NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 6, 2022
LOOK FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OTHERS AND THE WORLD.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, [patience], kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

>> NOVEMBER 30

As Christians, we want to be more like Jesus. One of the ways that happens is by memorizing God's Word. The more we know Jesus' ways in Scripture, the more we'll be able to live them out in our lives.

So this week, keep working on memorizing this verse. To do that, think about a person you know who has each one of these qualities. Text or write that person a note including this verse to let them know how you see the Holy Spirit working in them.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Romans 8:14 NLT

>> DECEMBER 1

As you continue to grow and mature in life, one of the most important decisions you will make on a consistent basis is what or who you will choose to follow. Even those who are leaders and have influence are in some ways still led by something or someone.

As followers of Jesus, we follow the leading of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God's presence living within you leading you into the best life possible. Just like you pay attention to and follow leaders like parents, coaches, teachers, or pastors, you can also follow the leading of the Spirit. You and others will know you are children of God and followers of the Spirit by the good fruit you produce.

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13 NLT

>> DECEMBER 2

Have you ever left the bathroom sink running? If you have, then you know just how quickly the water can overflow! While that may not be a good thing in this case, the overflow we experience with the Holy Spirit is actually a really good thing. When we walk with Jesus, we're filled with the Holy Spirit and the good things the Spirit of God offers us. Things like joy, peace, patience, and more will not just be in us, but they'll overflow out of us. They'll impact everyone we interact with in our lives!

How can you show someone else the overflow of the Holy Spirit in you? Think of what you can do to show love, joy, peace, and more to someone around you this week.

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Colossians 3:12 NLT

>> DECEMBER 3

For many of us, there's at least a little bit of thought that goes into the clothes we put on each day. In the same way we decide what to wear, we can decide to clothe ourselves with the qualities of Jesus. Each day, we can choose to put on things like kindness, patience, gentleness, and more. We can choose to make those things a part of our daily lives.

Why? Because not only will they make our lives better, but they will make the lives of those around us better, too!

Pray as you get dressed this week, asking Jesus to help you put on the important qualities that show God to others each day.

I am fully convinced, my dear brothers and sisters, that you are full of goodness. You know these things so well you can teach each other all about them.

Romans 15:14 NLT

>> DECEMBER 4

When was the last time something so good happened to you that you just couldn't wait to share it with someone? Something about sharing the good stuff in our lives makes it feel more exciting and real. God gives us so much good to talk about. Love, peace, forgiveness, living life to the full, and on and on. Now, we are called to tell others about it and invite them into what God is doing in our lives and in the world around us.

This might seem strange, but if you need practice, start with a family member or a friend from church. Simply share with them stories of God's goodness and how it has impacted your life.

You are the God of great wonders! You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations.

Psalms 77:14 NLT

>> DECEMBER 5

What's the most amazing thing you've ever seen? Maybe a waterfall, the ocean, or a majestic mountain. Maybe a group of people doing something to serve others. Whatever that thing was for you, it probably made you respond with awe and wonder. But did you know that the things in this world that amaze you are things that come from God? As the Psalmist writes here, God is the God of great wonders. The more amazing things we see in this world, the more we're seeing God at work around us.

Go for a walk or just step out of your front door and look around. Take note of the amazing things you see and remember that those things are made by the God of wonders!

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are [God's] dear children.

Ephesians 5:1 NLT

>> DECEMBER 6

The word "imitate" means to take or follow as a model. We tend to imitate the influential people in our lives simply because we love them and look up to them. This is also what it means for us to imitate God. Not because we're forced to or because we're puppets controlled by God. Instead, we do this because we love God and the Spirit transforms us to be more like God in the way we live.

So, this week, focus on living in a way that imitates God by treating others with kindness, showing love to your friends, or using self-control to make good decisions. Pick one way to imitate God this week and be intentional in how you live.