

Five Christlike Character Qualities to Cultivate **During This Chapter of Your Life:**

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c tl	Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took he humble position of a slave and appeared in human form. And in human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross. —Philippians 2:5-5 (NL)
- V	/erses 19, 31
Α	As [Jesus] approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it. —Luke 19:4
- \	/erses 19, 23-24
b tl	Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy see before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand on the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. —Hebrews 12:2-
_ \	/erses 20-32
Ī	I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do." —John 17:
_	/erses 33-35
	For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. -2 Corinthians 8.



Transformed by the Truth QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. If you had to give the current chapter of your life a title, what would

it be? Why?

2.	Read Acts 20:18-27, 33-35. Of the five character qualities that Paul demonstrated in Ephesus, which one do you most need to cultivate at this stage of your life? Why?
3.	What is one other Christlike quality, not mentioned in Sunday's message, that you need to pursue in order to live this season of life successfully? What passage of Scripture teaches that Jesus embodied this quality?
4.	Read 1 Corinthians 4:2. To what biblical responsibilities do you believe God has specifically called you during this chapter of your life? Give yourself a "faithfulness grade" (A-F) on each of these areas of responsibility.
5.	Read 2 Timothy 4:2-4. What types of false teaching do you believe 21 st American Christians are especially vulnerable to? What can you do to protect yourself from heresy?