



Why Are Christians Such Jerks?

Christians are to be **IMITATORS** of God, loving like **CHRIST**

Ephesians 5:1-2 *Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

A Snapshot of the Life and Heart of Jesus

1. Jesus is **COMPASSIONATE** and values people

Matthew 12:10-14 *Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other.*

2. Jesus wants **RELATIONSHIP**, not **RELIGION**

Matthew 9:9-13 *"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: I desire mercy, and not sacrifice."*

3. Jesus speaks **HARSHLY AGAINST** hypocrisy

Matthew 23:27-28 *"You are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones..."*

4. Jesus is **HUMBLE** and generous

Matthew 11:28-30 *"I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

5. Jesus gives **GLORY TO GOD** perfectly

John 17:1-5 *"I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do."*

6. Jesus came to give **ETERNAL LIFE** as a gift

Ephesians 2:4-9 *"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God"*

What is the Christian's Response?

John 15:12-13 *"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."*

What Does This Mean For Me?

- A. Still Exploring Christianity?– **LOWER EXPECTATIONS** of people
- B. Identify as a Christian?– **HUMBLE YOURSELF** to Jesus
- C. Walking Like Christ?– Share your **HEART** with your **ACTIONS**