



Ministering by Deed
Paul and Silas in Philippi
Living in the Image of God
Module 05 Session 15

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Living in the Image of God

- God creates every person to represent him in human interactions with others
- Be for others what God would be for them if he lived with us in human form
- He provides resources for people to perform the responsibilities
- He blesses those that do


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Living in the Image of God

- Program seeks to understand
- Meaning of *Living in the Image of God*
- Resources God has provided to guide us
- Human responsibilities
- Benefits of *Living in the Image of God*


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What We Will Learn

- Ministering by deed example from Paul-Silas interactions with jailer in Philippi
- Paul's compassion moved jailer to spiritual commitment for himself and his household
- Discuss Christ teaching on ministering by deed in Sermon on the Mount
- Let your Godliness motivate others to thank God for you and seek closer relationship with God
- Call to *Living in the Image of God*

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What We Will Learn cont'd

- Example from Joseph in Potiphar's house
- People were drawn to Joseph
- Reputation for caring
- Attentive to the needs of others
- Effective in attending to the needs
- His master elevated him to position of greatest responsibility in the household
- Acts 16:16–34
- Genesis 39:1–4 and other passages

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Paul and Silas Jailed in Philippi

- Paul and Silas were jailed in Philippi
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- For freeing slave girl from evil spirit
- She used to earn money as fortune-teller with power of the evil spirit
- Paul freed her from the evil spirit
- Owners of the slave used their connections to get Paul and Silas jailed without trial
- Acts 16:16–23

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Acts 16 (NIV)

16 Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling.

17 She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved."

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Acts 16 (NIV)

18 She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

19 When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities.

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Acts 16 (NIV)

20 They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar

21 by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."

22 The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods.

23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully.

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Interactions with Jailer

- Paul and Silas prayed and worshipped God as other prisoners listened
- At about midnight, a violent earthquake hit the prison building
- Caused all doors to open and shackles loose
- Jailer woke up and wanted to commit suicide
- Paul informed him the prisoners did not escape
- Persuaded him to call off the suicide
- Acts 16:25–29

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Acts 16 (NIV)

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.

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Acts 16 (NIV)

27 The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped.

28 But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.

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Interactions with Jailer

- Jailer asked what he needed to do to be saved
- Paul and Silas told him to make spiritual commitment to Jesus on behalf of himself and his household
- They preached the gospel to him and others
- He and his household were baptized
- Acts 16:31–34

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Acts 16 (NIV)

31 They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”

32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house.

33 At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized.

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Acts 16 (NIV)

34 The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

- Compassion by Paul and Silas motivated jailer to seek Jesus through them
- Christ teaching on ministering by deed
- Explains Paul-Silas impact on the jailer

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Christ Teaching on Ministering by Deed

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

- Christ brought the teaching to life through his interactions with people
- People were drawn to him because of his compassion (which manifested through miracles, healing diseases, casting out demons)
- Also, he explained the word of God clearly

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Compassion and Healing

- Jesus healed the sick, cast out demons, and performed other miracles
 - Not because he could
 - But because he cared
 - His interactions with the recipients show he healed them because he cared about them
- Healing man with leprosy as example
- Matthew 8:1–4

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Matthew 8 (NIV)

1 When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him.

2 A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

3 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.

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Matthew 8 (NIV)

4 Then Jesus said to him, “See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”

- Jesus showed he cared about the man
- Touched the man
- Healed him from leprosy
- Advised him on what to do to be re-admitted into mainstream society

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Drawn to Jesus Because of Godliness

- Several people did not know Jesus was God
- But recognized he was of God
 - Because of his compassion
 - Power to perform miracles
 - Heal the sick
 - Cast out demons
 - Explain the word of God clearly
- People were drawn to him because his interactions conveyed *Image of God* to them

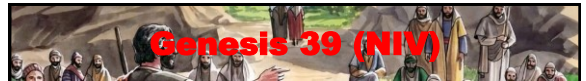
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Human Godliness

- Human Godliness draws people to God the same way that Christ Godliness drew people
- Let your Godliness radiate to others “that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16)
- Paul-Silas Godliness drew jailer to seek Jesus through them
- Joseph’s reputation in Potiphar’s house
- David’s reputation as a shepherd boy

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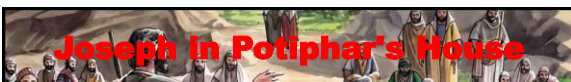


Genesis 39 (NIV)

3 When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did,

4 Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.

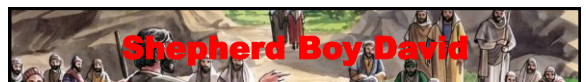
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Joseph in Potiphar’s House

- God gave him success in everything he did
- He did things that mattered to people
- He did so successfully
- People “saw” presence of God through him
- He recognized needs around him and did what he could to alleviate the needs
- People were drawn to Joseph because he was caring, sensitive to needs, and resourceful
- Potiphar elevated him to position of greatest responsibility in the household

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Shepherd Boy David

1 Samuel 16:18 One of the servants answered, “I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the lyre. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the Lord is with him.”

- “The Lord is with him”
- People perceived the presence of God through David
- Similar to they perceived in Joseph

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What We Learned

- Ministering by deed means your interactions radiate Godliness to others “that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven”
- Paul-Silas interactions with a jailer in Philippi
- Illustrate Christ teaching on ministering by deed
- Compassion by Paul and Silas motivated jailer to seek Jesus through them

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What We Learned cont'd

- People were drawn to Jesus because he cared
- He healed the sick, cast out demons, and performed other miracles
 - Not because he could
 - But because he cared
- Many people did not know he was God but were drawn to him because they believed he was of God

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What We Learned cont'd

- Joseph in Potiphar's house
 - Reputation for caring
 - Sensitive to needs of others
 - Effective in attending to the needs
- People perceived the presence of God through him.
- Similarly, people were drawn to David because they perceived the presence of God through him

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Ministering by Deed Examples from the Bible

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The study discusses examples from the bible to illustrate *ministering by deed*, when your living radiates Godliness to others “that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” People were drawn to Jesus because he healed the sick, cast out demons, and performed other miracles—not because he could, but because he cared. Many did not know that he was God but were drawn to him because they believed he was of God—his interactions convey the *Image of God*. We discuss an example from his healing a man with leprosy. Further, to illustrate *ministering by deed* among ordinary people, we discuss Paul-Silas interactions with a jailer in Philippi whereby their act of compassion motivated the jailer to seek Jesus through them. Also, we discuss the reputation of Joseph as a slave in Potiphar’s house and David as a shepherd boy. Joseph was associated with being sensitive to needs of others and effective in attending to the needs. People perceived the presence of God in him. Similar to people being drawn to David several generations later.

This bible study discusses examples from the bible to illustrate *ministering by deed*, which occurs when your interactions radiate Godliness to others “that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Christ teaching in the Sermon on the Mount includes calling every person to let your Godliness motivate others to thank God for you and seek closer relationship with God. Godliness means the quality of *Living in the Image of God*.

People were drawn to Jesus because of his compassion, performing miracles, healing the sick, casting out demons, and explaining the word of God clearly. Many did not know that he was God but were drawn to him because they believed he was of God—his interactions convey the *Image of God*. For example, his interactions with healing recipients convey a message that he healed them because he cared—not because he could. We discuss an example from his healing a man with leprosy.

To illustrate “ministering by deed” among ordinary people, we discuss an example from Paul-and-Silas interactions with the jailer in Philippi. In the example, compassion by Paul and Silas motivated the jailer to make a commitment to Jesus on behalf of himself and his household.

Further, we discuss the reputation of Joseph while living as a slave in Potiphar’s house and of David during his time as a shepherd boy. People were drawn to Joseph because of his reputation for caring—being attentive to the needs of others and effective in attending to the needs. His master Potiphar elevated him to the position of greatest responsibility in the household. People perceived the presence of God in him. Similar to people being drawn to David several generations later.

Christ Teaching on Ministering by Deed

Christ teaching in the Sermon on the Mount includes calling every person to let your Godliness motivate others to thank God for you and seek closer relationship with God: “In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” [Matthew 5:16]. Later, he brought the teaching to life through his interactions with people. People were drawn to him because of his compassion (which manifested through miracles, healing diseases, and casting out demons). Also, people were drawn to him because he explained the word of God clearly.

Interactions with Healing Recipients

To understand the compassion of Jesus, it is important to recognize that he healed the sick, cast out demons, and performed other miracles because he cared—not because he could. An example from his healing a man with leprosy shows that he healed people because he cared about them. His interactions with the man show that he cared. He started by touching him, not minding that the man had leprosy [Matthew 8:1–3]: “When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, ‘Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.’ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. ‘I am willing,’ he said. ‘Be clean!’ Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.”

People would normally avoid a person that has leprosy. In fact, people with such disease were required to maintain a minimum distance from others. But Jesus touched the man because he cared about him. Then he healed him. After healing the man, Jesus advised him on what to do to be re-admitted into mainstream society [Matthew 8:4]: “Then Jesus said to him, ‘See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.’” He not only healed the man, but also advised him on the next steps for getting re-admitted into mainstream society.

Human Godliness Draws People

Human Godliness draws people to God the same way that Christ Godliness drew people. Godliness means the quality of *Living in the Image of God*. People were drawn to Jesus because his interactions with others convey the *Image of God*, consistent with his teaching: “In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” [Matthew 5:16].

Several examples from the bible illustrate *ministering by deed* among ordinary people: such as an act of compassion by Paul and Silas that motivated the Philippi jailer to seek Jesus through them. Another example comes from the reputation of Joseph as a slave in Potiphar’s house and another from David’s reputation as a shepherd boy. People were drawn to Joseph because they perceived the presence of God in him. Similar to people perceived the presence of God in David several generations later. The following sections discuss these ordinary-people examples in greater detail.

Paul and Silas Interactions with Philippi Jailer

Paul and Silas were jailed in Philippi, because Paul had expelled an evil spirit that possessed a female slave. The evil spirit enabled the slave girl to earn income for her owners as a fortune-teller, but made her a nuisance to others [Acts 16:18]: “...Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, ‘In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!’ At that moment the spirit left her.” The owners of the slave used their connections to get Paul and Silas imprisoned without trial: “After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully” [Acts 16:23].

While in jail, Paul and Silas prayed and worshipped God as other prisoners listened. At about midnight, a violent earthquake hit the prison building and caused all doors to open and shackles broken loose [Acts 16:25–26]: “About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent

earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose." But the prisoners did not escape.

When the jailer woke up, he wanted to commit suicide because he thought the prisoners had escaped. However, Paul told him that the prisoners did not escape and persuaded him to call off the suicide [Acts 16:27–28]: "The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, 'Don't harm yourself! We are all here!'"

The jailer fell before Paul and Silas and asked what he needed to do to be saved. They told him to make spiritual commitment to Jesus on behalf of himself and his household. They preached the Gospel to him and the others there. He accepted Jesus and he and his household were baptized. He rejoiced and celebrated with them: "The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household" [Acts 16:34].

Therefore, an act of compassion by Paul and Silas motivated the Philippi jailer to seek Jesus through them. The interactions provide an example among ordinary people to illustrate the essence of Christ teaching on ministering by deed.

Reputation of Joseph in Potiphar's House

The reputation of Joseph (the 11th son of Jacob) as a slave in Potiphar's house is summarized in a short bible passage [Genesis 39:3–4]: "When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned."

According to the passage, people believed that God gave Joseph success in everything he did. They perceived the presence of God in him, because he did things that mattered to people, and he did them successfully. He recognized the needs around him and did what he could to alleviate the needs. Therefore, people were drawn to Joseph because he was caring, sensitive to needs, and resourceful. His master Potiphar elevated him to the position of greatest responsibility in the household.

Reputation of David As Shepherd Boy

The reputation of David as a shepherd boy also illustrates *ministering by deed* and is described in one bible verse [1 Samuel 16:18] "...I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the lyre. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the Lord is with him." The phrase "the Lord is with him" means that people perceived the presence of God in David. Similar to the testimony discussed previously regarding Joseph.

Summary of What We Learned

The study discusses examples from the bible to illustrate *ministering by deed*, when your living radiates Godliness to others "that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." People were drawn to Jesus because he healed the sick, cast out demons, and performed other miracles—not because he could, but because he cared. We discuss an example from his healing a man with leprosy. Many people did not know that he was God but

were drawn to him because they believed he was of God. His interactions with people convey the *Image of God*.

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