

Be an Imitator of God

Calvin Coolidge (1872 – 1933), the 30th president of the United States, invited some people from his hometown of Plymouth Notch, Vermont, to dinner in the White House.

When the time came for serving coffee, the president poured his coffee into a saucer. As soon as his guests saw it, they did the same.

Next, the president poured some milk and added a little sugar to the coffee in the saucer. The home folks did the same. They thought that surely the next step would be for the president to take the saucer with the coffee and begin sipping it.



But the president didn't do so. He leaned over, placed the saucer on the floor, and called the cat.

Although you may never find yourself in the position of imitating the president at a dinner in the White House, you are called to be imitators of God every day.

The story in Genesis tells of humans being created in God's image, and we are to be reflectors of Him to the world. How have you reflected His image to the world recently? Here are some ways. You reflect His image when ...

- You make decisions based on the Bible and prayer.
- You love your neighbor as yourself.
- You lead a life that is pleasing to Christ in all that you do.
- You hug a resident, bringing comfort and assurance.
- You encourage a family member struggling with decisions to make.
- You purchase a sweater for a patient who complains about being cold.
- You bring a birthday cake to a man whose family seems to have abandoned him.
- You lift up a co-worker overcome with grief.

Over and over, you are an imitator of your Maker when you share His love with others.

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children (Ephesians 5:1 NKJV).

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