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Welcome to LATE - L.A.T.E - Living At The End — for we are **late** into the prophetic timeline of earth's history and you and I must know how to live successfully and to be an effective witness for present truth in these perilous times. In this SWM Radio program we use the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy to answer pertinent questions posed to God's remnant people in order to provide the spiritual and physical tools we need for daily living and consecration to God at the end of time.

In each program, we have a Time of the End Feature and a Healthful Living Feature which provides answers to the questions posed and then we recommend some Take Away Tips from our discussions for Living at the End. This is your host Brother Nanton. Let us pray.

TIME OF THE END FEATURE --Examining the Character of Jesus

Keep in Mind the two Reasons for Reflecting Christ

The last message of mercy to be given to the world is a revelation of His character of love to the world.

COL 415

Those who receive the seal of God must reflect the image of Christ fully. **EW 71**

Jesus Worked for Everyone

Jesus worked to relieve every case of suffering that He saw. He often denied Himself of food in order to relieve those who appeared more needy than He. To those who were in need, He would quietly place His own meal in their hands. As He relieved their sufferings, the truths He taught were associated with His acts of mercy, and were thus riveted in the memory. **DA 86, 87**

Christ was not exclusive. In His contact with men He did not ask, what is your creed? To what church do you belong? He exercised His helping power in behalf of all who needed help. **DA 86**

What a busy life Christ led. Day by day He might be seen entering the humble abodes of want and sorrow, speaking hope to the downcast and peace to the distressed. The poor and suffering received the greatest share of His attention. **WM 116 (Welfare Ministry)**

Jesus Never Retaliated Nor Demanded His Rights When Abused

He did not retaliate when roughly used, but bore insult patiently. **DA 89**

Christ resented no personal injuries, but met with meek submission the insults, the false accusations, and the cruel scourging of those who hated him and condemned Him to death. **4T 139**

Jesus did not contend for His rights. Often His work was made unnecessarily severe because He was willing and uncomplaining. Yet He did not fail nor become discouraged. **DA 89**

The Patience of Christ

He manifested a patience that nothing could disturb. **DA 68**

He possessed a dignity and individuality wholly distinct from earthly pride and assumption; He did not strive for earthly greatness, and even in the lowliest position He was content. **DA 88**

Hated Sin But Rebuked With Kindness and Love

He was firm as a rock where truth and duty were concerned, but He was invariably kind and courteous. **HP 181 (In Heavenly Places)**

He hated but one thing in the world, and that was sin. He could not witness a wrong act without pain which was impossible to disguise. **DA 88**

He fearlessly denounced hypocrisy, unbelief, and iniquity, but tears were in His voice as He uttered scathing rebukes. **DA 352**

Christ himself did not suppress one word of truth, but He spoke always in love. **DA 352**

He was never rude never needlessly spoke a severe word, never gave needless pain to a sensitive soul. **DA 353**

Always kind, courteous, ever taking the part of the oppressed, whether Jew or Gentile, Christ was beloved by all. **FE 402 (Fundamentals of Education)**

Respected All

Christ honored man with His confidence, and thus placed him on his honor. Even those who had fallen the lowest He treated with respect. It was a continual pain to Christ to be brought into contact with enmity, depravity, and impurity; but never did He utter one expression to show that His sensibilities were shocked or His refined tastes offended. Whatever the evil habits, the strong prejudices, or the overbearing passions of human beings, He met them all with pitying tenderness. **MH 165**

He sought to inspire with hope the most rough and unpromising. He recognized the dignity of humanity; and men longed to become worthy of His confidence. New impulses were awakened, and the possibility of a new life opened to these outcasts of society. **HP 181 (In Heavenly Places)**

He passed no human being by as worthless, but sought to apply the healing remedy to every soul. Every neglect or insult shown by men to their fellow men only made Him more conscious of their need of His divine-human sympathy. He sought to inspire with hope the roughest and most unpromising, setting before them the assurance that they might become blameless and harmless, attaining such a character as would make them children of God. **9T 191**

In every human being He discerned infinite possibilities. He saw men as they might be, transfigured by His grace – in the beauty of the Lord our God (Psalm 90:17). Looking upon them with hope, He inspired hope. In His presence, souls despised and fallen realized that they were still men, and they longed to prove themselves worthy of His regard. IN many a heart that seemed dead to all things holy were awakened new impulses. **Ed 80**

His eyes shone with an expression of that love which led Him to leave the heavenly courts and come to earth to die in the sinner's place. He pitied and loved not only those who sought to be obedient and loving, but those also who were wayward and perverse. **ML 300**

No distinction of nationality, race or caste is recognized by God. All men are one by creation; all are one through redemption. Christ came to demolish every wall of partition, to throw open every compartment of the temple courts, that every soul may have free access to God. His love is so broad, so deep, so full that it penetrates everywhere. It lifts out of Satan's influence those who have been deluded by his deceptions and places them within the reach of the throne of God. **SS 195**

The Countenance of Jesus

The beauty of His countenance, the loveliness of His character, above all, the love expressed in the look and tone, drew to Him all who were not hardened in unbelief. Had it not been for the sweet, sympathetic spirit that shone out in every look and word, He would not have attracted the large congregations that He did. **DA 254**

It is often said that Jesus wept, but that He was never known to smile. Our Savior was indeed a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, for He opened His heart to all the woes of men. But those His life was self-denying and shadowed with pain and care, His spirit was not crushed. His countenance did not wear an expression of grief and repining, but ever one of peaceful serenity. His heart was a well spring of life; and wherever He went, He carried rest and peace, joy and gladness. Our Savior was deeply serious and intensely in earnest, but never gloomy or morose. **SC 120 (Steps to Christ)**

Questions

- 1 How did the biblical truths taught by Christ become riveted in the memory?
Answer: Because He relieved their sufferings and sacrificed so they could have, they readily accepted and treasured His teachings. The common people received Him gladly.
- 2 For whom did Christ exercise His helping powers?
Answer: To all who needed help regardless of their creed or church.
- 3 How did Christ meet insult, injury and accusations?
Answer: He did not retaliate; He met insult and accusations with meekness and humility and did not contend for His rights.
- 4 How did Christ deal with sin and sinners?
Answer: He hated sin and fearlessly denounced hypocrisy, unbelief and iniquity but was invariably kind and courteous and could not witness wrong without evident pain.
- 5 How did Christ react to enmity, depravity, evil habits and strong prejudices in men?
Answer: He met them always with pitying tenderness.
- 6 In addition to redemption from sin what else did Christ come to earth to do for men?
Answer: Christ came to demolish every wall of partition, to throw open every compartment of the temple courts, that every soul may have free access to God.
- 7 Although Christ was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief what was always evident in His countenance?
Answer: A peaceful serenity was evident in His countenance and He carried rest and peace, joy and gladness; and though serious and earnest He was never gloomy or morose.

Take Away Tips

- We must examine the record of Christ's life very closely and thoroughly so that by constantly beholding Him we might become changed and be like Him.
- We must have a burden for souls, seeing men not as they are but as they could be transformed by the grace of Christ.
- We must never compromise with sin or truth but must always be respectful, kind and courteous in our dealings with all men
- We must be patient and loving, never discouraged or depressed since we know the joys that God has in store for those who persevere to the very end.