



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

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## HUMILITY

God has always told His people to be humble. It has always been necessary that God's people be humble, otherwise, He would not listen to their cries (**II Chronicles 7:14; 34:27**). But when Christ came to the earth, what did He find? He found people boasting and bragging that they were God's elect. We must be careful not to do that. Rather, we should follow that perfect example that was given to us, which is Christ.

What was the mindset of Christ? It was that of a servant... *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself; and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:5-8)*. Christ was the perfect example of humility.

When Christ's disciples argued about who would be the greatest in the kingdom (as though it were an earthly kingdom), Christ taught them a powerful lesson in just a few words. *"If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all" (Mark 9:35)*. At another time, He taught them again, saying, *"And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:27-28)*. Christ taught us that, if we desire to be great in the kingdom of God, we must humble ourselves. And since He is the King of the kingdom, it was only right that He take the lowest, most humble position on earth.

Humility is a rarity. But of all the people in the world, we – Christians – should be the most humble. That means that we have to serve others. The great example of service is Christ. Remember when Christ washed the feet of the disciples? Now this was the Great King. How often do we hear of kings, presidents, or world leaders humbly serving their people? The same great humility and servant-hood that was shown by Christ should be abundant in our lives as well.

**Sean Carratt**

# CAN I PREACH WHAT YOU PRACTICE?

All my life I have heard the expression “Practice what you preach!” It’s something that we are told from a young age to teach us the importance of “walking the walk.” This saying teaches us to look at ourselves and make sure that we are doing those things that we are telling others they need to do. But what if we looked at this a little differently? What if I asked “Can I preach what you practice?” Are there things in your life or mine that others could or could not preach about?

If someone were to follow us all day long would they be able to preach about the things we practice? It’s a sobering thought when you stop and contemplate it. My life should be so in line with the scriptures that I should be able to say, just as Paul did, “*Imitate me, as I imitate Christ*” (**I Corinthians 11:1**). But the truth of the matter is that, if we are all honest with ourselves, we all have things that we know we need to do differently in our lives.

For example, we all know that studying the Bible is very important for the Christian (**Deuteronomy 6:6-9**), but many of us don’t study it as often as we should. So if someone were to follow us and see that, would we want them to preach that? Absolutely not! We would want them to encourage others to do personal studies and to encourage them to be in God’s word daily. What about the way we talk? Would we be ok with others encouraging people to talk like us? If I am someone who is a liar or someone who uses profanity, would I want that to be what is preached about me? I need to be constantly aware of my actions and realize that others are watching me and will emulate the things I do. This should cause us to stop and take a look at our lives and do some serious self-evaluation. Think about it, if we were going to be on a TV show where there were cameras around all the time, wouldn’t we be on our best behavior? Well brothers and sisters we need to be reminded that God sees all that we do. “*And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account*” (**Hebrews 4:13**).

Even though others can’t see what we do 24/7 doesn’t mean that I shouldn’t live my life as a continual example. Live your life so that I can preach what you practice!

**Tim Campbell**