

## “The Temple (9): The Last Imitation”

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- Ephesians 5:1—“Be \_\_\_\_\_ of God” (Greek, *mimetes*, “mimic”).
- Seven imitation invitations:
  - Imitation #1—“Be \_\_\_\_\_ as I am \_\_\_\_\_.” (Lev 11:44, 45; I Pet 1:15, 16)
  - Imitation #2—“Be \_\_\_\_\_ as your Father in heaven is \_\_\_\_\_.” (Matt 5:48)
  - Imitation #3—“Be \_\_\_\_\_ as your Father in heaven is \_\_\_\_\_.” (Luke 6:36)
  - Imitation #4—“Train yourself to be \_\_\_\_\_” (or \_\_\_\_\_). (I Tim 4:7, 8)
  - Imitation #5—“You should follow in \_\_\_\_\_ steps.” (I Pet 2:21)
  - Imitation #6—“You must walk as \_\_\_\_\_ did.” (I Jn 2:6)
  - Imitation #7—“They [the last generation of God’s friends on earth] follow the \_\_\_\_\_ wherever he goes.” (Rev 14:4)
    - Apparently imitating God means becoming \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Revelation 14:4, 5: “They [the last generation of God’s friends on earth] follow the Lamb wherever he goes. No lie was found in their mouths; they are \_\_\_\_\_.”
- **Great Controversy:** “While the investigative judgment is going forward in heaven, while the sins of penitent believers are being removed from the sanctuary, there is to be a special work of purification, of \_\_\_\_\_ of sin, among God’s people upon earth. . . . When this work shall have been accomplished, the followers of Christ will be ready for His appearing.” (425)
  - *The time has come to forsake our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our God.*
  - I Peter 4:1
  - Cliff Goldstein: “Pray, have devotions, witness, but when the devil is pressing you, when every cell of your body cries out for sin, when your hormones, appetites, and passions steam through your pores—all you can do is claim God’s promises for victory and grasp them in cold, naked faith. You will have terrible moments of agony, your nerves will be stretched on end, and you’ll think you are dying. Then, just when you can’t stand it anymore, the temptation will pass, and through the power of Jesus, and to His honor and glory, you will rejoice in your victories through the Lord ‘who is able to keep you from falling’ [Jude 24].” (*False Balances* 181)
  - *Maranatha*: “Closely examine your own heart as in the light of eternity. Hide nothing from your examination. Search, oh! search, as for your life, and condemn yourself, pass judgment upon yourself, and then by faith claim the cleansing blood of Christ to remove the stains from your Christian character. Do not flatter or excuse yourself. Deal truly with your own soul. And then as you view yourself a sinner, fall, all broken, at the foot of the cross. Jesus will receive you, all polluted as you are, and will wash you in His blood, and cleanse you from all pollution, and make you fit for the society of heavenly angels, in a pure, harmonious heaven.” (57)
  - Albert Einstein: “I believe that \_\_\_\_\_ is a better teacher than a sense of \_\_\_\_\_.”

*“Teach me, Father, how to be like Jesus.”*

Imitators, holy, holy, perfect, perfect, merciful, merciful, godly, God-like, Christ’s, Jesus, Lamb, like Jesus, blameless, putting away, known sins, imitate, love, duty