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CITYWIDE CHRIST CHURCH.

Theme: **GRACE FOR SERVICES AND STEWARDSHIP**

Message: **Be Transforming Through Jesus Christ**

Beloved brothers and sisters,
God has not only called us to believe in Christ,
but to be transformed into His likeness.

Christianity is not just about attending church it
is about living like Jesus every day.

As it is written in Romans 12:2,
“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

But this transformation requires grace the grace
to serve and the grace to steward what God has
entrusted to us.

**WE ARE CALLED TO IMITATE THE LIFESTYLE
OF CHRIST.**

The Christian life is a life of imitation.

Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 11:1

“Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.”

Jesus gave us a pattern not just teachings, but a lifestyle.

The truth is that we are not called to admire Christ; we are called to live like Him.

For example:

A child learns by watching their parents. They speak like them, act like them, and even imitate their habits.

In the same way, we must observe and imitate Jesus' love, humility, and obedience.

Application:

Ask yourself these 2 questions daily:

1. Does my attitude reflect Christ?
2. Do my actions look like Jesus?

TRANSFORMATION HAPPENS THROUGH A
LIFE OF PRAYER.

We cannot live like Christ in our own strength.

Jesus said in John 15:5

“Without me, you can do nothing.”

That is why Jesus Himself lived a life of prayer.

In Mark 1:35, the Bible says,

“Very early in the morning... He went to a solitary place, where He prayed.”

Note: Prayer is not optional; it is the source of transformation.

Think of a phone. No matter how advanced it is, without charging, it will die.

Prayer is our spiritual charging system.

Without it, we cannot function spiritually.

Therefore:

- Develop a daily prayer habit.
- Pray before decisions.
- Pray in difficult moments.
- Stay connected to God consistently.
- Transformation begins in the place of prayer.

GRACE EMPOWERS US FOR SERVICE AND STEWARDSHIP.

God has given each of us gifts, responsibilities, and opportunities.

In 1 Peter 4:10

“Use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace.”

We are not owners we are stewards.

Everything we have belongs to God:

- Our time,
- Our talents,
- Our resources.

A manager does not own the business but is trusted to run it well. One day, the owner will ask for an account.

In the same way, God will ask us how we managed what He gave us.

Application:

Serve faithfully in your church and community.
Use your gifts for God’s glory.

Be responsible with what God has entrusted to you.

As it says in Colossians 3:23,

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.”

CONCLUSION:

True transformation comes through Jesus Christ.

When we:

- Imitate His lifestyle.
- Commit to a life of prayer.
- Serve faithfully as stewards.
- We begin to reflect Him daily.

Let us fix our eyes on Christ, as written in Hebrews 12:2,

“Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.”