

“Be Imitators Of God – [as dear children]” Eph.

*Mimesis [imitation].
If your training for some-
thing – you would imitate
the masters of what you
were training for.*

[as dear children] - Obedient – Sincere – Ma-
ture –
Behaved - Dearly Loved (admired) - Sons/Daughters

“How do we [not] imitate God ?

- ◆ With our actions and reactions.
- ◆ By reacting the same old way.
- ◆ By putting self first.

-Imitate God-

By loving and for-
giving others as
Christ loved and

“How do we imitate God ?”

- ◆ With Godly actions and reac-
tions.
- ◆ By responding in a new way.
- ◆ By putting others first.

1. Bitterness- [pikria] - Long standing resentment.
A spirit that refuses to reconcile.

2. Outbreaks of Passion- [thumos] - anger like the
flames which comes; quickly starts quickly
stops.

Long Lived Anger- [or-gay '] - anger which has
become habitual [lifestyle].

3. Loud Talking & Insulting Words- watch your
tone of voice & choose your words. [sin of insult]-
Speaking insults to God’s children. [brothers/

Paul sums up his advice by telling us to be kind...
[chrestos] - The Greeks defined this as a disposition
of mind which thinks as of it’s neighbors affairs as
it does it’s own. In kindness we have learned the
secret of looking outward all the time, instead of
looking inward all the time. Paul tells us to love
and forgive others as Christ forgives and loves us.
The law of personal relationships summed up in
one sentence: Love and treat others as Jesus
Christ loves and treats you.

“What changes about us when we Imitate ?”

1. Our expressions
2. Our countenance
3. Our posture
4. Our disposition
5. Our actions
6. The way we say things
7. Our thought process
8. Our reactions
9. Our tone of voice
10. Our attitude

“Who benefits when we imi- tate God ?”

1. Parents
 - a. it’s a reflection
2. The Child
 - a. treated well [taken care of]
 - b. respected
3. Others [everyone]
 - a. friends [now]
 - b. grandparents [generations]

Why customers stop
patronizing a business ?

1% - die / 3% - move away / 5% - other friendships
9% - competition / 14% - product dissatisfaction
68% - bad attitude toward [them] the customer