

Doctrine of Jesus

Eight Biblical Examples

1. Joseph is an example of how a man should treat a woman.
 - *Matthew 1:19* Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately.
2. Jesus is an example of how we should love one another.
 - *John 13:15* For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.
3. Paul instructs believer's to be examples one to another.
 - *1 Timothy 4:12* Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
4. The Israelites reflect an example of unbelief.
 - *Hebrews 4:11* Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.
5. The High Priest served as an example of Christ.
 - *Hebrews 8:5* Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.
6. The prophets are an example of suffering affliction.
 - *James 5:10* Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.
7. Christ is an example to His people.
 - *1 Peter 2:21* For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:
8. The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah is an example of Judgment to come.
 - *Jude 7* Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Conclusion

By studying these eight passages of scripture, we can get a glimpse of the Christian example that God wants us to be. Unfortunately, we find the words of Shakespeare to be all too true.

“I can easier teach twenty what were good to be done,
than be one of the twenty to follow mine own teaching.”

It is easier to say something than to set the example. But God is calling for us today to model the Christian life and by His grace we will rise to meet the challenge.