

Great Men to Emulate



"Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." 1 Cor. 11:1

We all need role models – great men of God and great men of faith to emulate and to look up to. What better place to look for role models than the bible. The bible tells of great men of old “Who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.” (Heb. 11:33-34). Fifteen men stand out in the bible who are great examples and role models. They are:

1. Enoch
 - a) Enoch walked with God. Gen. 5:21-24; Heb. 11:5
2. Abraham
 - a) The man of faith. Rom. 4:16-22
 - b) Called the friend of God. James 2:23
 - c) Example of obedience. Heb. 11:8-10; Gen. 22:1-18
3. Jacob
 - a) Wrestled with God in prayer. Gen. 32
4. Joseph
 - a) Good testimony at work. Gen. 39:1-6, 20-23
 - b) Fled from sexual immorality. Gen. 39:7-9
 - c) Example of humility. Gen. 41:15-16
 - d) Example of forgiving others. Gen. 50:15-21
5. Moses
 - a) Choose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the temporary pleasures of sin. Heb. 11:24-29
6. Caleb
 - a) Wholly followed the Lord his God. Deut. 1:35-36

7. Joshua
 - a) Had faith in God's deliverance. Numb. 14:6-11

8. David
 - a) Overcame Goliath by his trust in his God. 1 Sam. 17
 - b) Encouraged himself in the Lord in times of distress. 1 Sam. 30:1-6
 - c) Was a man after God's own heart. 1 Sam. 13:14; Acts 13:22
 - d) A man of prayer. Psalm 5:1-3
 - e) Walked with God. Psalm 16:8
 - f) Delighted in God's word. Psalm 19:7-11

9. Elijah
 - a) A man of prayer. James 5:16-18
 - b) Had great zeal for God. 1 Kings 18:15-40

10. Josiah
 - a) Had great zeal for God. 2 Chron. 34:1-13

11. Daniel
 - a) A man of prayer. Daniel 6:10-11
 - b) Did not deny the Lord in times of trial. Daniel 6:1-24

12. John the Baptist
 - a) Example of humility. John 1:26-27; 3:30

13. The Apostle John
 - a) The apostle of love who was close to Jesus. John 13:23-25

14. Stephen
 - a) A picture of Christ who forgave his enemies. Acts 7:54-60

15. Paul
 - a) Paul who said "Imitate me as I imitate Christ." 1 Cor. 11:1