

5.9- Emulation

Take some time to read and reflect on the following

Many of our most deeply held principles come from recognizing that God has shown us how. We love because God first loved us. We forgive because we have first been forgiven. We take up our cross because Christ took up his. We seek to bear the fruits of the Spirit because they are the works of God we have seen in our lives. Part of worshiping God is seeking to emulate God's own way of being.

We hope to be bearers of the divine image by emulating the God who made us.

We rightly acknowledge that God's ways are the best ways. We rightly acknowledge that God fills the world with life and blessing in the most wonderful of manners. It is only natural that we would desire and seek to emulate this. Worshiping God through emulation not only draws us nearer to God by becoming more like God, but it also draws those around us closer by helping them see what God in action can be like.

God is found not only around us or inside of us, but through us as well.

If imitation is the most sincere form of flattery, emulating God is the most sincere form of worship. We reflect God's own way of being in our lives as our ultimate act of worship.

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Take some time to put the following into practice

Do something today to intentionally emulate God. Bless someone, serve someone, show mercy and forgiveness- something that directly imitates a core characteristic of who God is.