

## Becoming More Like Christ

If Jesus took over the following areas of your life, what changes do you think He might make?

- 1) **Finances.** If Jesus was managing my money and making all the spending decisions, I think He would...

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- 2) **Health.** If Jesus was watching my weight and working to keep my body fit and healthy, I think He would...

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- 3) **Marriage.** If Jesus took over for me as husband/wife, I think He would...

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- 4) **Friendships.** If Jesus was being a friend to all my friends, I think He would...

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- 5) **Vocation.** If Jesus took over for me at work, I think He would...

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- 6) **Recreation/Fun.** If Jesus was choosing the music I listen to, the books I read, the movies I watch, the games I play, and the websites I visit, I think He would...

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7) **Giving.** If Jesus was managing how I contribute to good causes, I think He would...

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8) **Self-Image.** If Jesus evaluated how I think about myself, I think He would...

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9) **Children.** If Jesus took over for me as father/mother, I think He would...

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10) **Church.** If Jesus was attending church in my place, I think He would...

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11) **God.** If Jesus began living my life here on earth, I think He would build and strengthen my relationship with God by...

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It's great to have a plan for success, but if you fail, what should you do? Here are some thoughts on resilience, the ability to bounce back after defeat:

- If you sinned, repent (1 John 1:9; 2:1).
- Analyze your failure. Ask yourself what contributed to your defeat (Eph 6:10–12).
- Remove stumbling blocks and add stepping stones (Rom 13:14).
- Encourage yourself in the LORD (Ps 34).
- Pray for extra strength in that particular area of life (Matt 26:41).
- Lean on your family and friends. Be accountable to them (Heb 3:13; 10:24–25).
- Live one decision at a time (Ps 23).
- Keep the long-term goal in mind (Heb 12:2).