The Christian's Manner of Life

2 Tim. 3:10

Introduction:
A. “Doctrine” is important, but so is our “manner of life.”
B. Hear a lot about “alternative life-styles” today.
C. Christians live an “alternative life-style” from the world.
D. Let us look at some ways the New Testament characterizes the Christian’s manner of life:

Discussion:

I. A Saintly Life (Eph. 5:1-7)
A. Set apart from the sins of the world.
B. Set apart unto obedience to God.

II. A Selfless Life.
A. Christ before self. (Phil 2:21).
B. Christians before self. (Phil. 1:23,24).
C. Church before self. (Col. 1:24).

III. A Sincere Life (Phil. 1:10,16).
A. Not double-minded. (Jas. 1:8; 4:8; Ps. 12:2).
B. Not double-tongued. (1 Tim. 3:8).
C. Not double-dealing. (Gal. 2:11-13).
D. Not double-loyalty. (Matt. 6:24,33).

IV. A Satisfying Life (Phil. 4:5,7).
A. Contentment. (Phil. 4:10-12).
B. Assurance. (2 Cor. 4:16-5:1).

V. A Serving Life (Heb. 12:28).
A. Serve by obeying (Rom. 6:16)
B. In Worship.
C. In Labor.
   1. Church not mere "worshiping society."
   2. Have responsibilities beyond attendance and worship (cf. Gal. 6:10).

VI. A Struggling Life. (Heb. 12:4)
A. Against sin.
B. Against human weakness.
C. Against spiritual opposition.
D. Against seeds of doubt.
E. Against suffering (2 Tim 3:12)

A. Share goods (v. 45).
B. Share faith (v. 47; Phile. 6).
C. Share responsibilities. (Eph. 4:16).

VIII. A Steadfast Life (1 Cor. 15:58)
A. Devoted
B. Dependable.
C. Determined.

Conclusion:
A. How is your life?
B. Are you a Christian?
C. Are you living as a Christian?