

LET'S ADORE JESUS CHRIST IN 2016!

Courage – Imagine knowing as a young man that your purpose in life was to die a grueling death on a cross. He walked into that fire without any hesitation or delay. He was a man of enormous courage.

Honor – How many of us would love to be able to say we never made a fool of ourselves? He never took any action or said any word that He was ashamed of. He was a man of unsurpassed dignity and honor.

Resilience – He was continuously at war. His enemies wanted Him to fail. They plotted against Him. They lied about Him. They mocked and insulted Him. In the end, they killed Him. He never quit. Blow after blow He got back up, resolved to complete His mission. He was a man of amazing resilience.

Integrity – He was transparent. He was faithful and devoted. He was truthful, honest. He was sincere. He was whole. He was righteous. He never tried to make a good impression. He never tried to be someone other than who He was. He was a man of unmatched integrity.

Strength – He literally carried the weight of the brokenness of the entire human race on His back. He literally took the full brunt of the wrath of God. He survived! He lives today! That man had incredible strength.

Tenderness – A bruised reed He would not break. A smoldering wick He did not snuff out. He had real love. Tender selfless love. Unconditional love. Love incapable of hurting others. Love that could not break another's heart. Love for the innocent. Love for the hurting. That man was the greatest lover of all time.

Meekness – He could have called upon the armies of heaven to defend His honor. However, He turned His cheek. He took the insults. He took the blows. He knew who He was and He didn't have to defend Himself. He walked the earth to serve everyone else. He was a man of astonishing humility.

Adoration – He absolutely adored His Father in heaven. There has never been a human being who has loved God like He did. He lived "whatever is Your will, Father!" He was obedient and faithful to the desires of the Father He cherished. He was a man of total adoration for God.

Sacrifice – He sacrificed His career. He sacrificed opportunity for an earthly kingdom. He sacrificed the glory and the pleasures this world offered to Him. He sacrificed His eternal glory. All of this so He could sacrifice His life on the cross. He was the Son of God, the Savior of the world.

Politicians. Celebrities. Athletes. Co-Workers. Neighbors. Friends. Family. Ourselves. Who among us truly deserves to be adored? No one! Except for Him. Jesus Christ. The Son of God, the Savior of the World. Let us fall deeply and passionately into adoring love for Him in the year 2016!

Merry Christmas!