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#### VI. The Good Model to Follow

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#### VII. Some Practical Advice

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  - The Epistles - *what your religion should look like*
  - The Psalms - *your existential daily walk*
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