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## Guidance:

*On the first day, begin with a few minutes where you read the Construct. Continue on to the first question in the lab, and write your thoughts in a notebook or journal. Address the additional questions in the lab at a pace that works for you. Reflect on any insight gained or growth in progress as you close out the Construct.*

## **It's in Your Nature**

Romans 12:2 tells us “Do not conform to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

We all have our natural tendencies of how we handle situations or deal with the challenges we face. To those who know us well, we become predictable. This can be a good thing, but it may not always serve us well.

Whatever your nature is, take a look at those characteristics that may not line up with the word of God. It is not a matter of if we like what we see in ourselves or not, it is a matter of if we can see Christ in our nature.

For any area of your thought process, behavior, or character that you believe does not reflect Christ – give it to God. Make those areas vulnerable to the Holy Spirit. God's strength is made perfect in your weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9). It is in our humility with God that revelation knowledge comes to us. This is how you become a reflection of Christ in this world.

As you grow in your love for God, you will trust Him to give you the heart of Christ. This positions you to pass your tests and develop the fruits of the Spirit. Your very nature is being renewed, and this is a witness unto Christ.

## **Prayer**

Dear Father, please help me to commit to learning Your word. Even if it is a scripture a week, put a desire in my heart to intentionally seek and believe Your word. Your word became flesh in Jesus Christ, so I pray to be a reflection of Christ in the world. I thank You in advance for answering my prayer. In Jesus Name I pray. Amen.

## **Practical Application / Lab**

To be knowledgeable about the nature of Christ, we have to learn about Him - His character and deeds, specifically why He performed specific acts during His time on earth. This is accomplished by learning God's word, and applying it to your thought process to ultimately impart in your life.

Read the following scriptures and seek to apply them to your thought process during this Construct.

It will take intention and devotion to be mindful to apply them. This opens your heart to the mind of Christ which reflects His very nature. Through application, you allow His nature to transform yours. Be persistent, and let God deal with any areas in your character that needs a touch from Him.

Matthew 4:4

“Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God”

Psalms 1:1-2

“Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful, for His delight shall be in the law of the Lord; and he does meditate on it day and night”