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2. Instead of picking out the worldly members to point to, pick out the sincere, dedicated, spiritual members and thank God for them. You will find what you seek (Rev. 3:4).
3. If you are old, treat the young with the consideration you desired as a young person. If you are young, treat adults with the respect you will want when you are mature (1 Tim. 5:1-2).
4. When you are tempted to criticize others, be sure to pray earnestly for them first. This may not change them but it will do wonders for your attitude (Matt. 5:43-48).
5. When you see a work neglected, instead of being critical, offer to help (Matt. 7:1-4).
6. Never NEVER blame others for your own failures. Every individual can be faithful to God in spite of bad examples and discouraging attitudes of others if he is determined to be (1 Cor. 10:13).
7. Remind yourself every day that the only way you can improve the world or the church is to begin with self (1 Peter 3:1-7).
8. Consciously look for the good in every brother or sister and make a mental note of the good points each possesses (Matt. 22:39).
9. Constantly strive to increase your circle of associates in the church. Try to do something good for each (Heb. 10:24).
10. Every church has problems. Constantly ask yourself, "Am I a part of the problem or am I a part of the solution? Am I trying to be merely a critical spectator?" (Gal. 6:1).

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