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 1. We must not interpret statements in light of our experiences.
 2. The egocentric person is one who always puts self first.
 3. He is known as an introvert.
 1. Extravert: one whose thinking turns outward.
 2. Ambivert: One whose thinking goes in most any direction and more often in the wrong direction.
 4. Uncontrolled self becomes so demanding, Of others especially, and so central that it is impossible to live with.
 1. Judas was so busy with his "What will ye give me?" that he seemed unaware of until the very end that self so demanding and so central had become impossible to live with. Matt. 26:15
 2. Our capacity to love the good, to put others first is determined by our ability to get self out of the way.
 1. Our ability to get self out of the way will determine what we get out of any thing. Until self is out of the way:
 1. We will not get much out of life.
 2. we will not enjoy being with other people for self in control must always come first and actually be superior.
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 4. If self does not like a thing then any one who might like that particular thing must be a plain fool.
2. With self out of the way let us consider "The Apostle and High priest of our profession, Christ Jesus." Heb. 3:1
 1. You will see in him a model for your conduct.
 1. From him we will learn how to act in circumstances of difficulty and distress.
 2. From him we will learn how to act amid injustice and ill-treatment often meted out by the thoughtless and inconsiderate. 1 Pet. 2:21
 2. Who are those invited to consider Christ?
 1. They are addressed as "Holy brethren." They are therefore real Christians
 2. They are members of the same family. They are interested in each others welfare. Philippians 2:4; "Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory: but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves."
 3. Consider Christ! What is consideration?
 1. Consideration is the exercise of thought, not simply a hasty glance at an object, but a deliberate exercise of the mind.
 2. Some say, "My mind is made up!" It may be but what is it made of?
3. We have a description of true Christians. True Christians are described as:
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 4. As "Confessors of Christ." How do we confess Christ?
 1. Matthew 10:32,33; Acts 8:36,37; Romans 10:10, 17.
 5. But there other ways we confess christ: We mention five:
 1. Believers confess Christ by connecting themselves with his church.
 2. By sitting at his table of communion: The Lord's Supper.
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