

## 5C BE WEIRD BUT NOT CRAZY

Christians who live by the Bible *should* look weird to the world—

- We seek God’s input through prayer and Bible study.
- We aren’t into drugs and immoral sex.
- We want to promote truth.
- We present Jesus as the only Way to God.

At the same time we shouldn’t come across as crazy.

- Don’t think of yourself as more spiritual than you are. (Rom. 12)
- Be honest about your limitations and failures.
- Don’t isolate yourself from other believers.
- Don’t expect to discover a totally new teaching or doctrine.
- Don’t think that you can’t fall or be deceived.
- Read the Bible regularly. Let it become part of your nervous system. But don’t read only the Bible.
- Test everything by Scripture and multiple witnesses.
- Don’t think that you’re bulletproof. There are no promises that you’ll never get sick or injured or have troubles. (It’s only fair that Christians have even more troubles than others since we have God’s help.)
- Don’t think that you can know some secret that no one else knows.
- Don’t focus on some minute point in the Bible. Focus on Christ.
- Don’t tell others what to do, couched in “The Lord told me that you should...”

## THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING WEIRD

(By Bill)

It’s important for Christians to be weird. Not necessarily looking strange, but by being individually unique and by not conforming to the world. It’s a bad thing to be pushed around by a peer group. We need to please God, not men. Even in terms of ministry, we should fit into our own ministry and not simply copy others. Whatever we do we should do to the glory of God.

As a society drifts more and more towards humanistic thinking and acting, if you maintain Christian standards you’ll automatically be weird:

- If you’re married instead of sleeping around or shacking up you’ll seem weird.
- If you work hard, as unto God, you’ll seem weird—and might even get fired in some union situations.
- If you don’t want to work on Sunday or put your family ahead of work you’ll seem weird.

- If you believe there are some absolutes and everything is not morally relative you'll seem weird.
- Saying "No" to anything will seem weird.

Remember that Satan's not content to make sin acceptable. He wants to make good into evil and evil into good, and it's happening.

Even in Christian groups you should seem weird if you're a fanatic about Jesus and not just lukewarm. Be a trend setter, not just a follower.