



God's Fingerprints on His Children

(All verses from the ESV)

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).

Fingerprint 1: **Fellowship with God**

A Christian finds deep joy in the intimate fellowship of the Lord.

Verse to Memorize:

1 John 1:3b-4: "...indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete."

Fingerprint 2: **Carefulness toward sin**

A Christian has a *hatred* for sin.

Verse to Memorize:

1 John 1:6, "If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth".

Fingerprint 3: **Obedience from the Heart**

A Christian practices righteousness as a lifestyle.

Verse to Memorize:

1 John 2:3, "And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments."

Fingerprint 4: **Separation from the World**

The Christian is at war with this present world. He is not at home on this earth.

Verse to Memorize:

1 John 2:15-17, "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever".

Fingerprint 5: **Boldness for Christ**

A Christian openly confesses the Person and Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Verse to Memorize:

1 John 2:23, "No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also."

Fingerprint 6: **Eagerness for Christ's Return**

A Christian eagerly awaits Christ's return.

Verse to Memorize:

1 John 3:2 , "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is".

Fingerprint 7: **Rejection by the World**

Every Christian should expect that his new pattern of life will be rejected in some way by the world.

Verse to Memorize:

1 John 3:13, "Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you."

Fingerprint 8: **A Deep Love for Other Christians**

A Christian has a deep affection for other saints, and loves to fellowship in the local church.

Verse to Memorize:

1 John 3:14, "We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers."

Fingerprint 9: **Prayerfulness**

A Christian experiences answered prayer.

Verse to Memorize:

1 John 3:22, "...whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him".

Fingerprint 10: **Discernment**

A Christian has the spiritual insight to discern between truth and error.

Verse to Memorize:

1 John 4:6, "We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error."

Fingerprint 11: **Assurance by the Holy Spirit**

A Christian experiences the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit.

Verse to Memorize:

1 John 4:13, "By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit".