

Ra The Impression Black Fabric Labels

Print on card stock. Cut to 1 1/2 in. by 7 1/4

Property

◆**The Christians used to pray together in house churches. . . now they prayed in large lavish buildings they were given by Constantine. And something was set in motion that continued for a long time.**

Position

◆**Christians used to be concerned about humble loving service to others—everyone was equally important; everyone was a child of God—every Christian did whatever work had to be done. . . now being important, working close to the emperor became attractive. And something was set in motion that continued for a long time.**

Possessions

◆**Christians used to sell their possessions and share in common; they depended on the community and God for their needs . . . but now they depended on the Emperor and what the Emperor would/could give them. They relied on the power of wealth to influence towards the good opinion of others. And something was set in motion that continued for a long time.**

Conversions

◆**People converting to Christianity used to take time really putting on the mind of Christ, learning what being like Christ meant. . . but eventually they prepared to convert in just a few days—they stayed with the mind of the emperor and the Roman Empire instead. In fact groups of people especially those who were close to the emperor and wanted to stay close to the emperor converted as quickly as they could—to keep in favor with the now “Christian” Emperor. And something was set in motion that continued for a long time.**

Power

◆ **Christians used to live by the power of the Holy Spirit moving through their lives** But when Christians united themselves to the workings of the empire—they accepted the way of behaving of the empire. . .**now they relied on the power of the Roman Empire—the military—the way of violence and domination of others. And something was set in motion that continued for a long time.**

Dependence

◆**Christians used to depend on God. . .** Some of the jobs the Christians were allowed to have were positions in government—they helped to run the city, helped in making decisions from positions of power over others. The Church was given opportunities to have power over others and the Church accepted those positions of power over others instead of rejecting those positions. **But now they depend on the empire. And something was set in motion that continued for a long time.**