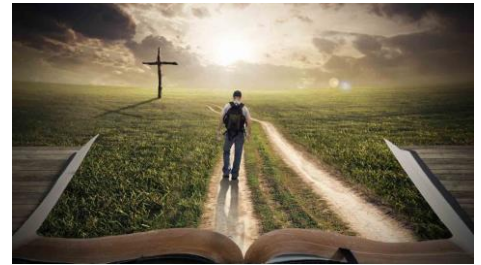


Follow Me

What Does it Mean to Follow Christ?



- * In many cases, Jesus was calling the twelve men who would become His _____ (Matt. 10:3–4). But other times, He was speaking to _____ who wanted what He had to offer (John 3:16; Mark 8:34).
- * But Jesus never _____ the truth, and the truth is that following Him leads to _____ choices.
- * Even the disciples decided that following Jesus was too difficult the night He was arrested. Every one of them _____ Him (Matt. 26:56; Mark 14:50).
- * To truly follow Christ means He has become _____ to us. Everyone follows something: friends, popular culture, family, selfish desires, or God.
- * God states we are to have no other _____ before Him (Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 5:7; Mark 12:30). To truly follow Christ means we do not follow anything else. There is no such thing as a " _____."
- * As the disciples demonstrated, no one can follow Christ by the strength of his own _____.
- * Jesus gave His disciples the _____ to faithfully following Him, but they did not recognize it at the time (John 6:63-65). They needed a _____.
- * The Holy Spirit _____ the heart of every believer (Gal. 2:20; Rom. 8:16).
- * When the Holy Spirit came upon those first believers at Pentecost, they suddenly had all the _____ they needed to follow Christ (Acts 2:1–4; 4:31; 7:59-60).
- * Following Jesus means striving to be _____ Him. He always obeyed His Father, so that's what we strive to do (John 8:29; 15:10). To truly follow Christ means to make Him the _____.
- * Every _____ is filtered through His Word with the goal of glorifying Him in everything (1 Cor. 10:31). Because of His grace, we want to _____ Him in everything.
- * All this is accomplished as we allow the Holy Spirit to have complete _____ of every area of our lives (Eph. 5:18). He explains the _____ (1 Cor. 2:14), _____ us with spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:4-11), _____ us (John 14:16), and _____ us (John 14:26).
- * To follow Christ means we apply the _____ we learn from His Word and _____ as if Jesus walked beside us in person.