

FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

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INTRODUCTION:

From the beginning to the end of His earthly ministry, Jesus urged people to follow Him. **MT. 4:18-20; 16:24; JOHN 21:19-22** Are we following Jesus? What does that look like? “I go to church”; “I give to the poor”; “I’m religious”; “I pray”. Following Jesus boils down to two things. Obeying His teachings, and imitating His example. **MT. 7:24-27, JOHN 13:14-17** The following list will help us determine how we’re doing in following Jesus.

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1. Repent and become born again (**JOHN 3:1-3**)
Nicodemus followed the law.
2. Love Him (**MK. 12:30**) with our entire being.
3. Witness for Him (**MT. 28:18-20**). Claim, command, comfort.
4. Person of prayer (**LK. 6:12**).
5. Forgive as He forgave. (**MT. 18:33-35**)
6. Obey Him. (**JOHN 8:12**). Acid test of true love for God.
7. Serve Him (**JOHN 12:26**).
8. Hear and do His Word (**MT. 7:24-27**).
9. Suffer for Him (**PHIL. 1:29**). Rejection, persecution.
10. Receive the Spirit (**JOHN 7:37-39**).

THE GOAL (I JOHN 2:4-6 MSG)

A follower of Jesus has a goal in mind. He obeys His teachings and imitates His examples, so he can conform to His image and live his life the way Jesus lived His. His desire is to think, speak and act like Jesus.

1. **MT. 5:21-22 MSG** Jesus said uncontrolled anger equals murder.
2. **MT. 5:27-28 NKJV** Looking with lust is considered adultery.
3. **MT. 6:1-4 MSG** The world is not a stage.

CONCLUSION:

Let’s evaluate ourselves to see how closely we’re following Jesus.