

THE FOLLOWING IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY . . . JESUS!
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(Paul) "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." 1 Cor. 11:1 (NIV)

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." 1 Cor. 11-1 (ESV)

"You must follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." 1 Cor. 11-1 (CEV)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "FOLLOW"?

Simple Definition - "to move behind someone or something and go where he, she, or it goes: to go in the same direction as . . ."

Deeper Definition - "to commit fully, to become like or imitate one who is worthy of imitation . . ."

Biblical Definition - "to abandon our own selfish desires and worldly goals in order to become fully devoted servant, worshipper, and imitator of Jesus Christ."

"Then Jesus said, 'If any of you wants to be My follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow Me.'" Matt 16:24 (NLT)

"Jesus said, 'Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me.'" Luke 9:23 (NIV)

"If any of you want to be My followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross and follow Me." Mark 8:34 (CEV)

"If I want him to remain until I come . . . what is that to you? As for you, follow Me." John 21:22 (HCSB)

GREAT EXAMPLES of CHRIST FOLLOWERS:

PAUL

(Missionary) "they sailed to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had completed - they gathered the church together & reported all that God had done through them & how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles" Acts 14:26-7

MARY

(Mother & Follower) "'Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.'" Luke 1:30-32

PETER

(Preacher - Founder of Church) "Then Peter preached a long sermon, telling about Jesus and strongly urging all his listeners to save themselves from the evils of their nation. And those who believed Peter were baptized—about three thousand in all!" Acts 2:40-41

JAMES

(First Disciple Martyred) "King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword." Acts 12:1-2

MARTHA

(Friend & Servant of Jesus) "a dinner was given in Jesus's honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him." John 12:1

ANDREW

(Brought Others to Jesus) "Andrew, Peter's brother...had followed Jesus. The 1st thing he did was find his brother & tell him, 'We found the Messiah'" Jn 1:40-1

MATTHEW

(Left \$\$\$ to Follow)"Jesus saw Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' He said, & Matthew got up & followed." Matt 9:9