

Following God

Word of the Day: Follow/ Follower/Following

- I believe that to be a Christian is found in the simple words of Jesus when He says to “Follow Me” (Matt. 4:19; 8:22; 9:9; 10:38; 19:21,28)
- Luke 9:23

1) They Followed God by obeying His Word

Psalm 1:1-2

- Leviticus 12:6-8 the instructions about what Mary was to do for her purification.
- Exodus 13:1-2 and Numbers 3:40-51 say that they are to present the firstborn to God
- Luke mentions the word “Law” repeatedly in Luke 2:22,23, 24, 27, 39.
- The lie of Satan continues today “did God really say” (Genesis 3:1)
- Are you making excuses for the law of God or are you following it?

2) Following God takes Faith in His Word

John 5:24

- Being a follower of Jesus means you must trust Him at His word with the promises He has told you.
- Simeon was a man who was righteous and devout (deeply committed) or being careful to obey all God has said out of reverence for God.
- Are you following God by faith in the promises of His word?

3) Following God means Looking to Him for Comfort

Romans 9:1-3 , 1 Peter 4:13, Isaiah 9:2, Acts 26:22-23, John 3:19

- Isreal was looking for comfort from their affliction and Simeon did not just long for comfort for Himself but for His nation as well.
- Where do you go for comfort?
- This is one of the promises found in the book of Isaiah that God would comfort His people. (Isaiah 40:1-5; 49:8-13; 51:3,12; 57:18; 61:1-2; 66:10-13)
- John 16:33 Jesus said in this world we will have trouble but He has overcome the world.

4) Following God does not mean a life of ease

Matthew 16: 24 -26

- “Opposed” Jesus would be seen as an enemy or someone to come up against.

5) Following God means telling others about Him.

Matthew 28:19-20

- Anna a woman who is described as faithful through prayer and fasting.
- The way Luke wrote about her tells us she followed God faithfully for a long time.
- Redeeming means serving to offset or compensate for a defect (Meriam Webster)
- The people longed for redemption through a redeemer who would take care of their sin before God.
- Acts 1:8 You will be witness through the Power of the Holy Spirit
- 1 Peter 3:15 always be ready to give an answer for the hope that you have.
- 2 Timothy 1:8 tells us to not be ashamed of the gospel.
- May it be said about us that no matter the difficulty or pain we may face that we have lived our lives according to the law of the Lord.

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