

The Secret of Being a Good Follower

Matt.4:18-22

Phil.2:5-11

"If this war is won, it will be won by Privates"

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

Supreme Allied Commander in World War II





A church may
have only a few
good leaders
but it needs
lots of good
followers

Good followers are responsive to God's call



*"Come be my
disciples ..."
"And they left
their nets at once
and went with
him".*

(Matt.4:19)

Good followers are responsive to God's call

- Leaving their former allegiances behind



"They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind."

(Matt. 4:22)

Good followers are responsive to God's call

- Leaving their former aspirations behind



"Go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

(Mk.10:21-22)

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"Come, be my disciples!" ... So Levi got up, left everything and followed him."

(Lu.5:28)

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"I once thought all these things were so very important, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

(Phil. 3:7)



Good followers pay the cost of discipleship



"As they were walking along someone said to Jesus "I will follow you no matter where you go".

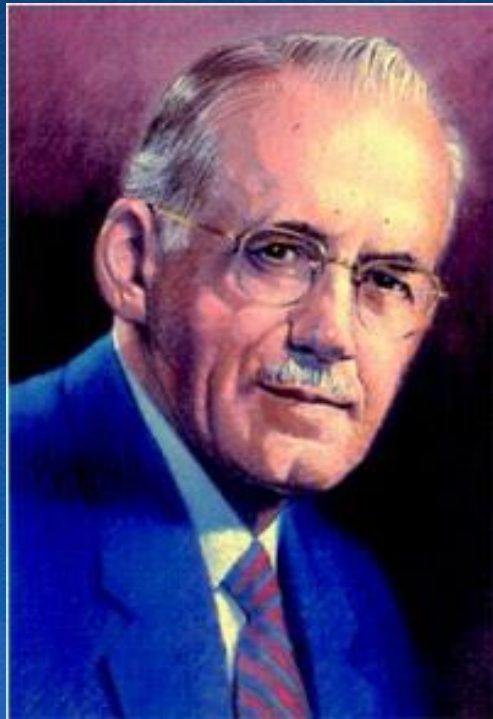
(Lu.9:57)

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“It's possible to be a follower of Jesus without being a disciple; to be a camp-follower without being a soldier of the king; to be a hanger-on in some great work without pulling one's weight ... It is one of the supreme handicaps of the Church that in the Church there are so many distant followers of Jesus and so few real disciples.” - William Barclay

Good followers pay the cost of discipleship



"In every Christian's heart there is a cross and a throne, and the Christian is on the throne till he puts himself on the cross; if he refuses the cross, he remains on the throne. Perhaps this is at the bottom of the backsliding and worldliness among gospel believers today. We want to be saved but we insist that Christ do all the dying." - A.W. Tozer

**Good followers are obedient
to God's will**

"Not all people who sound religious are really godly. They may refer to me as "Lord" but they still won't enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The decisive issue is whether they obey my Father in heaven."

(Matt.7:21)

Good followers are obedient
to God's will



*"I have come
down from
heaven to do the
will of God who
sent me, not to
do what I want."*

(Jn.6:38)

Good followers are obedient to God's will

- God's will is the strongest foundation for life



"To lose one's own will in the will of God should be the true occupation of every man's time on earth. Only a few of us - the saints - are capable of that simplicity."

- George Mackay Brown

Good followers are obedient to God's will

- God's will is the surest objective in life



"if we are followers of God, we cannot take the initiative, we cannot choose our own work or say what we will do; we have not to find our way at all, we have just to follow."

Oswald Chambers

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"He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form ... he obediently humbled himself further by dying a criminal's death on the cross." (Phil.2:7-8)

Good followers are always
looking forward



*"Anyone who puts
a hand to the
plough and then
looks back is not
fit for the
Kingdom of God."*

(Lu.9:62)