

3. The Compensation for Following Jesus.

John 12:26 “The Father will honor anyone who serves Me.”

Matthew 19:27-29 “Peter said to Him, ‘We’ve given up everything to follow You. What will we get?’ Jesus replied, ‘I assure you that when the world is made new and the Son of Man sits upon His glorious throne, you who have been My followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for My sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life.’”

Revelation 22:12 Jesus said, “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with Me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.”

Pray this prayer today: “Jesus, I want to follow You. I want to connect with You and obey You fully. I don’t seek You for what I can get from You. I want to know You and love You for who You are. Give me new revelations of who You are. Speak to me in ways that You haven’t before. I pray that You would give me a heart that seeks after You. Remove everything in my life that is distracting me from following You. Give me passion to have a deeper relationship with you. I love you, and I thank you. Amen.”

Memory Verse: John 12:26 “Anyone who wants to serve Me must follow Me, because My servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves Me.”



FOLLOW JESUS

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Three Truths About Following Jesus

1. The Call to Follow Jesus.

John 12:26 “Anyone who wants to serve me **must follow Me.**”

Matthew 4:19 “Jesus called out to them, ‘Come, **follow Me.**’”

Matthew 8:22 “Jesus told him, ‘**Follow Me** now.’”

Matthew 9:9 “‘**Follow Me** and be My disciple,’ Jesus said to Matthew.”

Mark 10:21 Jesus said, “Come, **follow Me.**”

Luke 9:23 “Then Jesus said to the crowd, ‘If any of you wants to be **My follower**, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and **follow Me.**’”

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Luke 14:27 “And whoever does not carry their cross and **follow Me** cannot be My disciple.”

John 10:27 “My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they **follow Me.**”

John 12:26 “Anyone who wants to serve Me **must follow Me.**”

It's impossible to follow Jesus without obeying Jesus.

Luke 6:46 "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' but do not do what I say?"

1 John 2:6 “Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.”

Are you a FAN of Jesus Christ or a FOLLOWER of Jesus Christ?

John 6:2, 26, 66 “A great crowd of people followed Him because they saw the signs He had performed by healing the sick. Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, you are looking for Me...because you ate the loaves and had your fill.’ From this time many of His disciples turned back and no longer followed Him.”

John 12:42-43 “Many people did believe in Him, however, including some of the Jewish leaders. But they wouldn’t admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. For they loved human praise more than the praise of God.”

If people’s praise motivates you then people’s criticism will stop you.

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2. The Connection to Follow Jesus.

John 12:26 “My servants must be where I am.”

Mark 3:13-14 “Jesus went up a hill and called to Himself the men He wanted. They came to Him, and He chose twelve, whom He named apostles. ‘I have chosen you to **be with Me,**’ He told them.”

You can’t follow Jesus without being close to Jesus.

Acts 4:13 “The leaders saw that Peter and John were not afraid to speak, and they understood that these men had no special training or education. So they were amazed. Then they realized that Peter and John had been with Jesus.”

Following Jesus is more than simply copying Jesus. True followers of Jesus are united with Him.

Matthew 7:21-23 “Not everyone who calls out to Me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of My Father in heaven will enter. On judgment day many will say to Me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in Your name and cast out demons in Your name and performed many miracles in Your name.’ But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from Me, you who break God’s laws.’”

Colossians 2:9-10 “For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.”

John 14:3 Jesus said, “I will come back and take you to be with Me so that you may be where I am.”

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