



FOLLOWING JESUS

Talk to me about... #5



FOLLOWING JESUS:

➤ Is more than any singular act:

➤ Following Jesus is about more than belief (James 2.20-26).

➤ Following Jesus is about more than baptism (Romans 6.2-4).

➤ Following Jesus is about more than a moral life (Matthew 7.21-23).

➤ Involves some (perhaps) unexpected responsibilities:

➤ Being submissive, regardless of sex and status (Ephesians 5.2,21).

➤ A submissiveness that embraces significance (5.1-2).

➤ Being positively involved in the lives of others (1 Corinthians 12.26).

➤ Being financially liberal (2 Corinthians 9.6-7).

➤ Being active in my own salvation (Philippians 2.12-13).

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WHAT IS NEEDED TO FOLLOW JESUS?

- **Material wealth is not needed to follow Christ.**
 - 2 Corinthians 8.1-2,12-15
- **A lineage of godliness is not needed to follow Christ.**
 - A family history of faith can certainly be helpful (2 Timothy 3.15).
 - Plenty of people lived lives of faith without any record of family members who submitted to God (Job, Abraham, Paul, Lydia).
- **A comprehensive knowledge of Bible history and stories.**
 - Again, this can be helpful (Romans 15.4).
 - The Gospel message is designed to be understood quickly:
 - How much did the Philippian jailer know? What about the Ethiopian eunuch?

WHAT IS NEEDED TO FOLLOW JESUS?

- **Humility** – I can't be prideful and follow Christ.
 - James 1.21 – Pride will keep me from embracing a message which identifies me as a sinner in need of salvation.
- **Dedication** – My journey will quickly end if I'm not dedicated to Jesus and His Gospel.
 - Hebrews 10.23
- **Love** – I must love Jesus, love His word, and love His people in order to follow Him.
 - Ephesians 6.24; John 14.23-24; 1 Peter 1.22