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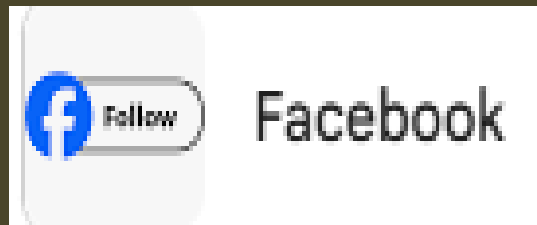
We Worship what we.....

Focus on the most

Talk about the most

Love the most

Who are you following?



Who are you following?

***If it just takes a push of
a button to follow
someone today;***

**What does it take to
stop following them?**

Truths about following...

- 1. We will be forced to un-follow others**
- 2. Our opinion of what we are following will determine how we follow it**
- 3. Our trust for what we are following will determine our endurance**
- 4. If we love ourselves more than what we following, we will eventually take the wrong path when we come to a crossroads**

“Who are you following?”

Matthew 8

19 Then He said to them,

***“Follow Me, and I will make you
fishers of men.”***

***20 They immediately left their nets
and followed Him.***

“Follow Him - let go of dead things”

Matthew 8

18 And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side. 19 Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, “Teacher, I will **follow** You wherever You go.”

20 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”

21 Then another of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”

22 But Jesus said to him, “**Follow Me**, and let the dead bury their own dead.”

“Follow Him - be storm ready”

Matthew 8

23 Now when He got into a boat, His disciples **followed** Him. 24 And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. 25 Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!”

26 But He said to them, “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?”

“Follow Him – *worthy of Him?*”

Matthew 10

34 “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword....

37 He who loves father, mother, son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

38 And he who does not take his cross and **follow after Me is not worthy of Me.**

“Follow Him”

Matthew 19

16 Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”

17 So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

18 He said to Him, “Which ones?”

“Follow me”

Matthew 19

**Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’
‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You
shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear
false witness,’ ¹⁹ ‘Honor your father
and *your* mother,’ and, ‘You shall love
your neighbor as yourself.’ ”**

**²⁰ The young man said to Him, “All
these things I have kept from my
youth. What do I still lack?”**

“Follow Him – eternal life”

Matthew 19

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(deny self, take cross & follow)

“Following at a distance”

Matthew 26

57 And those who had laid hold of Jesus led *Him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. 58 But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest's courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end. (Matt 27:55)

“Do you want to Follow Jesus ”

Luke 9

23 Then He said to *them* all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

“The Power to Follow”

2 Peter 1

**To those who
have obtained like precious faith with
us by the righteousness of our God
and Savior Jesus Christ:**

**² Grace and peace be multiplied to you
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus
our Lord, ³ as His divine power has
given to us all things that *pertain to*
life and godliness, through the
knowledge of Him who called us by
glory and virtue,...**

“Keys to Following & Results”

2 Peter 1

⁵ But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, ⁶ to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, ⁷ to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. ⁸ For if these things are yours and abound, *you* will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Warnings of who not to follow”

2 Peter 2

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. ² And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. ³ By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words;

“Examples of those that did not continue to follow”

2 Peter 2

- 4** For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; **5** and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;
- 6** and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;

“If we willing to follow God can/will deliver”

2 Peter 2

**⁷ and delivered righteous Lot, *who*
was oppressed by the filthy conduct of
the wicked ⁸ (for that righteous man,
dwelling among
them, tormented *his* righteous soul from
day to day by seeing and
hearing *their* lawless deeds)— ⁹ *then* the
**Lord knows how to deliver the godly out
of temptations** and to reserve the unjust
under punishment for the day of
judgment,**

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2 Peter 2

12 But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption, ¹³ *and* will receive the wages of unrighteousness, *as* those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime.

***They are* spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, ¹⁴ having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls.**

They have a heart trained in covetous practices, *and are* accursed children. ¹⁵ They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

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2 Peter 2

8 For when they speak great swelling *words* of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. ¹⁹ While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.

²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.

²¹ For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

“Be diligent to follow”

2 Peter 3

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, **be diligent** to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; ¹⁵ and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, ¹⁶ as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures.

“Be diligent to follow”

2 Peter 3

17 You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

- To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.**

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