



**Take Up Your Cross:
Follow Me**
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“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

Matthew 4:19

We are God’s _____ way to share His message.

“Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.”

Matthew 10:38

Whoever chooses not to follow isn’t _____ of Christ.

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12

Choosing to follow Him means we can now _____ in His light.

“Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.”

John 12:26

_____ and _____ **Jesus are inseparable.**

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:21

We were _____ to serve Christ and follow His example.

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:14

The _____ is to live a life modeled after Christ’s example.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

John 10:10

The thief brought death; Jesus _____ death with life.

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.”

Isaiah 43:1

We _____ to Jesus.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Learn from others' _____; don't make all of them yourself!

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

We are _____!

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them."

Matthew 7:15-20

Good trees bear _____ fruit and bad trees bear _____ fruit.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

Our words and our actions should _____ Christ.

"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

John 15:8

When we bear _____, we reflect Christ and glorify God.

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."

John 13:35

People can actually see a _____ when we act out of love.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

John 14:27

One of the main things Christ wants for all of his followers is _____.

All scripture is from the NIV translation unless noted otherwise.