

Follow Him

In the ancient Roman Empire, many boys wanted to grow up to be emperors. However, I hope that most people want to grow up to be like Christ. What does it take to follow Him? This article will briefly discuss five ways in which we need to follow Jesus.

- Follow Him in baptism. Jesus had no sin (2 Corinthians 5:21), but He was baptized by John in the Jordan River. He did it to "*fulfill all righteousness.*" Since baptism is a command of God (Mark 16:16), Jesus had to be baptized to remain righteous.
- Follow Him in temptation. In Luke 4:1-13, Jesus endured many temptations during a 40-day period, but three are discussed in detail. In each one, Jesus successfully combated temptation. I yield early, therefore I need to follow His good example.
- Follow Him in teaching. In His Sermon on the Mount, I learn what I need to become to enjoy eternal life (Matthew 5-7). Jesus made some people angry because He preached truth, but He did what He could to save them. I need to try to save people too.
- Follow Him in compassion. Matthew 8-9 shows a number of instances where Jesus had compassion on people and healed them. In Matthew 9:35-38, His compassion, though, was spiritual. The greatest gift I can give someone is to teach them the gospel.
- Follow Him in humility. In Matthew 11:29, Jesus referred to Himself as "*meek and lowly in heart.*" When He washed the disciples' feet in John 13:1-17, He performed a task reserved for a slave. I have to be humble as well in order to please God.

Men have "feet of clay." What would benefit the world the most is if you would follow Him. Please contact us if you would like to study further.

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