

He Leadeth Me

What Does it Mean to Follow Jesus?

Psalm 23

Jesus was without doubt the perfect example of leadership in action. As we observe His leadership “style,” we see that He led from an inner character completely devoted to the Father’s will (Col. 1:19; 2:9; Jn. 1:1, 14, 18; 14:7-9; 5:19, 30, 36; 6:38 8:28; 12:49; 14:10; 17:14; 19:28, 30). Therefore, regarding following Jesus, let us do as Philip suggested to Nathanael, “come and see” (Jn. 1:46).

This lesson is adapted from material developed in the book, ***Jesus on Leadership***, by C. Gene Wilkes; which is, of course, just a useful packaging of material developed by God. *By the way, the blanks in part two are for you to fill out with appropriate Scriptures.*

Following as Jesus Led:

- He was humble (Matt. 11:29; cf. 23:12; Jn. 17:1-5)
- He did not seek a position, but followed the Father’s will (Jn. 4:34; 6:15)
- He defined greatness as being a servant (Matt. 20:25-28; Jn. 13:1-17)
- He faced dangerous situations, rather than avoiding them, because He was confident in His relationship with the Father (Matt. 16:21-26)
- He met the needs of others (Jn. 10:10-18; cf. Ps. 23)
- He shared responsibility with those He called to be leaders (Matt. 10:1-15; Lk. 10:1-20; Matt. 28:18-20)
- He was a team builder in His design for the church (Eph. 4:16; I Cor. 12:12-27)

Therefore ...

- We must come in humility _____
- We must first be a follower before we can lead _____
- We need to “wear a towel” _____
- We must take the risks appropriate to God’s will _____
- We must look to meet the needs others _____
- We must not take inappropriate ownership _____
- We must work together as a team _____

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