What it Means to Follow Jesus - Part 2 Follow Jesus Campaign

TO BE A DISCIPLE...

1. I MUST SPEND TIME WITH JESUS.

"IF <u>YOU WANT</u> to be my disciple <u>YOU MUST COME AND FOLLOW</u> <u>ME</u>, because <u>my servants MUST BE WHERE I AM</u>. And if they follow me, the Father will honor them." John 12:26

2. I MUST LOVE JESUS SUPREMELY.

"... [IF you want] to be my follower <u>you must love me</u> more than your own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, more than your own life -- otherwise [you] cannot be my <u>disciple</u>." Luke 14:26 (TLB)

3. I MUST LOVE EVERY OTHER DISCIPLE.

"IF you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples." John 13:35 (GNT; TEV)

"If someone says I love God but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is a liar. For if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God whom we have not seen?" 1 John 4:20

4. I MUST ALWAYS OBEY WHAT JESUS TELLS ME.

"... IF you continue to obey my teaching, you are truly my [disciples]. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32 (NCV)

(4) FACTS ABOUT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- I. It is an Ongoing PROCESS "CONTINUE..."
- II. It is Measured by OBEDIENCE "Obey."
- III. It Is Based on GOD'S WORD

 "MY TEACHING..."
- IV. It Sets Me <u>FREE</u>

 "THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE!"

"... Our lives are gradually becoming brighter more and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become more like him."

2 Corinthians 3:18 (MSG)

"IF you [CONTINUE to] live in me and what I say lives in you, then ask for anything you want, and it will be yours. You give glory to my Father when you PRODUCE A LOT OF FRUIT and therefore show that you are my disciples." John 15:7-8 (GW)

5. I MUST SERVE OTHERS UNSELFISHLY.

"... [IF you want] to be the most important person you must take the last place and be a servant to everyone else." Mark 9:35 (GW)

"For even [I] the Son of Man came [here] not to be served but <u>to serve</u> <u>others</u> and <u>to give</u> my life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:28 (NLT)

"... IF anyone wants to be my [disciple], he must <u>deny himself and,</u> take up his cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24 (TLB)

6. I MUST PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS.

"Jesus called out to them, 'Come, be my <u>disciples</u>, and I will show you how to fish for people!" And they <u>left their nets at once</u> and went with him." Matthew 4:19-20 (TLB)

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. [And] <u>teach</u> these new disciples to <u>obey all the commands</u> I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

"IF you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But IF you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life." Mark 8:35-36 (NCV; NLT)

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