

Followers

Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. –I Corinthians 11:1

As a child, I often played dress-up. It was more exciting when I got to wear high heels, my mother's hat, and gloves. What I was doing, was imitating my mother. I was trying to look like her, talk like her, and even walk like her. I was trying to be a lady.

As a Christian, we have younger Christians who try to imitate the way we look, talk, and walk. Paul was confident that the Christians at Corinth could follow his example. He was confident of this because he was carefully following the example of Christ.

We need to be certain that our life lines up with Christ's example so that others can use our lives as a pattern. This puts a great responsibility on us. First, we need to know what the Bible teaches about Christ's example. Then we need to assess our life to see if our walk and our talk follow the pattern set by Christ.

When I sew a dress, I use a pattern to cut it out. I follow the lines as perfectly as I can. If I were to cut a dress on my own, the final product would not fit correctly. We need to follow the pattern of Jesus as perfectly as we can if we want our life to be an example for others.

It is a good idea to ask, "What would Jesus do?" And, our answer needs to be grounded in the Word of God, not in what man thinks.

I am challenged when I put the concept of following Christ together with the words in I Peter 1:15-16

*But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in **all conduct**.
Because it is written, "Be ye holy, for I am holy."*