

**Title:** Followship: Flip side of Leadership

**Text:** Luke 5:11: "And when they brought their boats to land, they left everything and **followed** him."

**Target:** A leader is not a leader unless there is a follower. What made Jesus worth following? Knowing these attributes not only makes us better leaders for Jesus while seeking to be a better follower of Jesus.

1. **Followship requires a Decision:** "And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and **follow** me." - **Luke 9:23**
  - a. **Consider the Choice:** (Vision/ Values/ Virtues)
  - b. **Count the Cost:** (Time/ Energy/ Resources & Relationships)
  - c. **Compare the Consequences:** (Output/ Outcomes)
  
2. **Followship reveals Direction:** "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever **follows** me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." **John 8:12**
  - a. **Commitment to Concede:** Followship is not just Compliance, it is **Congruence!**
  - b. **Courage to Conform:** Followship is not just Submission, it is **Succession!**
  - c. **Cause To Carry:** Followship is not just Obedience, it is **Ownership!**
  
3. **Followship results in Distinction:** "After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "**Follow** me." And leaving everything, he rose and followed him." **Luke 5:27-28**
  - a. **Core Conviction:** "Not just ideas, but ideas that hold you" - Unknown
    - i. Principles: (Absolute Truth)
    - ii. Policies: (People over Paper)
    - iii. Platform: (Identification)
  
  - b. **Consistent Character:** "Not just who you are when no one is looking, it is who you are when everybody is looking" - Unknown
  
  - c. **Clear Calling:**
    - i. Time is limited for you:
    - ii. Not everyone is going to like you:
    - iii. Relationships are important to you:
    - iv. Mission is bigger than you.

**Take Away:** In order to be the best leader, you have to be the best follower. The question is not only "are you a leader worth following?" But "Is the leader you are following worth me following"?