

Building a Great Church Involves Great Followers

(Building a Great Church Series – Lesson #3)

The Importance of Followers

“And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.”
(Matthew 10:38 – NKJV)

Who are Followers?

- The followers being talked about are Christians. (*Follower of Christ*)
- The followers (Christians) are those under the leadership (Elders).

The Importance of Followers:

- Without followers, the vision, the purpose, the actions, and the leadership will fail.
- Some followers will become leaders in the future.
- Followers are the workers, both visible and invisible.
- Followers encourage others to follow.

“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.”

–Andrew Carnegie



The Individual Follower

“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
(Matthew 4:18 – NKJV)

The Qualities of Great Followers:

- A great follower knows the vision, the purpose and takes action on each.
- A great follower will not seek his or her own vision.
- A great follower will strive daily toward the vision.
- A great follower will support the leadership.
- A great follower will support other followers.
- A great follower will make sacrifices for the good of the group.
- A great follower will be continually learning.

The Individual Work of the Followers:

- The follower must know the guidelines. (2 Timothy 3:16,17)
- The follower must be growing in knowledge of the guidelines. (Acts 17:11; 2 Peter 3:16)
- The follower must sacrifice. (Joshua 24:15)
 - (Matthew 4:18-22)
- The follower will work. (Acts 8:4)

Personal Question:

- What kind of follower are you?
- Will you work for the good of the group?

United Followers

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”
(Psalm 133:1 - NKJV)

The Teamwork of Christians:

- Christians must remember that each one is working toward the vision. (Colossians 3:2)
- Christians must work together in the purpose. (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 8:4)
 - (Acts 19:11-30)
- Christians will support each other. (Romans 15:1; Galatians 6:1)
 - Prayer support (Acts 12:12-17)
 - A helping hand (Acts 6:1-7)
 - Financial support (Acts 4:34-37)
 - Support the leaders. (1 Thessalonians 5:12,13)

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.”

–Henry Ford

Congregational Questions:

- Is your following helping or hindering others?
- Are you working together with each one to accomplish His purpose?