

## #Follow17 Overview of the Attributes

“Come, Follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” Matthew 4:19

One of the first things we learn when we become followers of Jesus is that he wants us to be with him.

### 1. Learn to Be With Jesus (Mt. 4:18-22)

- a. What did Jesus say to Peter and Andrew in Matthew 4:18-22?
- b. Notice that Jesus took the initiative in their relationship. He loved them and he loves you as well. He is and has been reaching out to you from the time you were born. He invites you to follow him (in other words to be with him).
- c. There is no higher call in life than Jesus' call to be with him.
  - a. Matthew 13:44-46
    - i. One of the best parts about following Jesus is that he will never leave you. The last words in the book of Matthew say this; “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” His commitment to be with you is a forever thing.
    - ii. Following Christ changes your life.
    - iii. Following Christ transforms your life as you become the person he designed you to become.

### 2. Learn to Listen (Mt. 4:23-25)

- a. As a follower of Christ, it is important for you to observe Jesus' teaching, preaching and healing as well.
  - a. Matthew 4:17 - “from that time on Jesus began to preach, “repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”
    - i. Repent - “means to turn away from something and to turn toward something else.”
    - ii. Secondly, “The kingdom of heaven” means that God can have first place in your heart.
    - iii. The fact that we can turn from our old ways and have God rule in our hearts is great news.
    - iv. You know what rules your heart by where you give your treasures; time, talent and money. What things do you need to turn away from?

### 3. Learn to Heal (Mt. 4:23-25)

- a. When you look at the way Jesus invited his followers to be with him you can't help but to observe how he preached and healed people. There is nothing like seeing God heal firsthand.
- b. As you follow Christ, be open to God's supernatural intervention in your life. Talk with God throughout your day with words of love, praise and need. It's not about the formality of your prayer, it's about the sincerity of your heart.
- c. Since Christ lives in you, he can provide healing through you.

**4. Learn to Influence (Mt. 5:13-16)**

- a. Many people spend their whole lives not knowing why they are on the planet.
- b. You are salt and light
  - a. Salt preserves things and makes our food taste better. When it comes in contact with something that has an effect. Light helps us see things more clearly, especially when it is dark.
  - b. The reason we are on this planet is to impact people for God. We are not here for ourselves.
  - c. The ultimate goal for everything you do is to influence people for God so they might also praise God in heaven. You are an attractor for God.

**5. Learn to Love (Mt. 5:43-48)**

- a. As followers of Christ the thing we learn from the beginning and all throughout our life is that love is the foundation for everything.
- b. Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you
- c. One thing that identifies an authentic follower of Christ is love for others.
- d. The type of love that Jesus is talking about is not a feeling. Love means you do what is best for the other person regardless of how you or they feel about it. It is choosing to see that person as someone Jesus loves. As such, it is a decision. Choosing to love someone who had hurt me would never happened in my life if Jesus did not teach me to do it.
- e. Loving someone does not necessarily mean that you do what the other person wants. That would not always be loving. The most loving thing might be for you to help people experience the consequences of their actions.
- f. The only way you are going to be able to love people the way they need to be loved, especially by your enemies, is with the help of Jesus.

**6. Learn to Pray (Mt. 6:5-15)**

- a. Pray is important to Jesus so it must be important for us as followers of Christ.
- b. Components of this prayer; relationship, respect, reign, food, forgiveness, freedom

**7. Learn to Manage (Mt. 6:19-24)**

- a. Don't miss Jesus' statement, "for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." He does not say as many think; "for where your heart is, there your treasure will be also." He says the opposite. In other words, where you put your treasure, that's where your heart will go.
- b. Your treasures really are your time, talent and money.
- c. Your heart is submissive to your treasure. God supplies EVERYTHING you need

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