

# List to Follow

Lists - Part 3  
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## How is a person saved?

<sup>15</sup>... *Repent* of your sins and *believe* the Good News! <sup>17</sup>Come, *follow me* ... ” Mark 1:15, 17 (NLT)

“... ‘*Follow Me* and be My *disciple*,’ Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed Him.” Matthew 9:9 (NLT)

**Follow = act according to the lead or example of someone;  
To follow Jesus means to make Him your boss.**

**Many have asked Jesus to be their Savior but few have made Him their Lord.  
Many have asked Jesus to be their Rescuer but few have made Him their Boss.**

## Are you a Christian or are you a Disciple?

“Then Jesus said to His *disciples*, ‘If any of you wants to be My follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and *follow Me*.’” Matthew 16:24 (NLT)

- **Genuine repentance and belief will always express itself in following Jesus.**

## What does following Jesus look like?

<sup>37</sup>Jesus replied, ‘You must *love the LORD your God* with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>A second is equally important: *Love your neighbor* as yourself. <sup>40</sup>The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.’” Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)

## Jesus’ list to follow:

- **Love God**
- **Love people**

## How do we love God?

“If you *love Me*, *obey* My commandments.” John 14:15 (NLT)

“Those who accept My commandments and *obey* them are the ones who *love Me*. ... ” John 14:21 (NLT)

“Jesus replied, ‘All who *love Me* will *do* what I say.’” John 14:23 (NLT)

“When you *obey* My commandments, you remain in My *love* ... ” John 15:10 (NLT)

“*Loving God* means *keeping His commandments* ... ” 1 John 5:3 (NLT)

Obedience = love

## How do we love people?

<sup>29</sup> ... ‘And who is my neighbor?’ <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied with a story: ‘A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. <sup>31</sup>By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. <sup>32</sup>A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. <sup>34</sup>Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, “Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.” <sup>36</sup>Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?’ Jesus asked. <sup>37</sup>The man replied, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Then Jesus said, ‘Yes, **now go and do the same.**’” Luke 10:29-37 (NLT)

## What is Jesus calling you to do?

**Jesus wants to lead you.**

**Are you willing to follow?**

“Safe? Who said anything about safe? Of course He isn’t safe. But He is good.” – The Chronicles of Narnia : The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe