

Follow the Leader

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A Call to Arms

¹Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children.

Ephesians 5:1, NIV

⁶The one who says he remains in Him should walk just as He walked.

1 John 2:6, HCSV

1. We imitate God's _____.

⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8, NIV

³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32, NIV

2. We imitate Jesus' _____ and _____.

³Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. ⁴Everyone should look out not [only] for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3-4, HCSV

⁵You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5-8, NLT

¹²When Jesus had washed their feet and put on his robe, He reclined again and said to them, "Do you know what I have done for you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord. This is well said, for I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example that you also should do just as I have done for you."

John 13:12-15, HCSV

3. We imitate Christ's _____.

²²You will be hated by everyone because of my name."

Matthew 10:22, HCSV

³³In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world."

John 16:33, MSG

⁶You became imitators of us and of the Lord when, in spite of severe persecution, you welcomed the message with joy from the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 1:6, HCSV

⁸We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. ⁹We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.

¹⁰Through suffering our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.

2 Corinthians 4:8-10, NLT

4. We imitate God's _____.

¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

1 John 3:16, TNIV

⁹The one who says he is in the light but hates his brother is in the darkness.

1 John 2:9, HCSV

²Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2, TNIV

³⁴I give you a new commandment: love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34-35, HCSV