

# Be a Follower

#GOALS #1 - Pastor Gary Combs - January 7, 2018 - Matthew 16:24

Matthew 16:24 (ESV) Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

## How to be a follower of Jesus:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ up.

Colossians 3:9-10 (ESV) ... you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

Galatians 2:20 (ESV) I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ up.

Hebrews 12:1-4 (NLT) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up. After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ up.

John 10:27 (ESV) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

Galatians 5:25 (NLT) Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

Matthew 4:19 (ESV) And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

John 20:21 (ESV) Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."