

Are You Truly Following Jesus?

Most of us would answer that question with an emphatic "YES!" But are we really following Jesus all the time, or are we following someone or something else without realizing it?

We have some terrific pastors out there, who lead us in our lives. We respect them, we treasure their words. For the most part, we will even try to carry out their words beyond church service and into our daily lives.

When that happens, how do you justify making the change in your life? For instance, if Sunday's preaching was about forgiving others and loving those who have wronged you, and you have harbored bad thoughts about another person who cheated you. When you leave that service, you can't stop thinking of that person, and you feel the hate lessen.

Perhaps, that week you even reach out to that person to reconcile your differences. Why do you do it? Do you say it's because Pastor Mark got through to you and you're following his advice?

Or do you say that you're doing it because Jesus spoke to you through Pastor Mark?

I know; it's a minor difference. But it's one we all experience. Our pastors are the teachers of God's Word. God brings our messages to us through our pastors. But sometimes we forget that and when we feel the Word, we're thinking of the message as if it came from the pastor only and not from God through the pastor.

I hope that makes sense.

What else do we follow? Do we follow traditions of our church? Are we spellbound by the Christian music of today, and taken in by all the trinkets and new Christian products we can purchase?

Jesus commanded us to "Follow Me" and that may be what we intend to do every day. Only by putting all our

faith in Him and by devotion to keeping our eye on Him, can we truly accomplish His command.

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August 2008 News:

The website at [url here] is getting a makeover.

New articles will be added soon.

The next report "Creating Your Church's Worship Folders" is being created as I type this. Almost finished, in fact. I'm hoping it will be available for download August 28th, but it depends on how long the storefront approval takes. Worst case scenario, it'll be available the first week of September.

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