

b. Yieldedness.. "let him deny himself" which, in a more general sense means.. "let him not know himself." There must be such a complete giving to the leader that the individual follower does not think of himself as an independent person. I do not mean that we lose our personal value or individual status. But we cannot dwell on ourselves to the extent that it harms the following. It is a position of not knowing oneself in the nature of the force of the One who is the sum of all things.

c. Dedication.. "and take up his cross.." a point of which we do not have time to settle all the questions that arise but of which we can say this: That is if anyone is unwilling to be identified with the Lord in the cross and in all that is represented through the cross, he is not really qualified to be a follower. This is a position of standing the reproach that came to the Saviour. It has great blessing in attendance but it also has a certain stigma that, in the eyes of the world, is unpleasant.

d. Direction.. "follow me.." is the thrust in that the believer never lacks for instruction on where he should go and to a large extent on what he should do. While personal decisions may take some time, on the major treatment of life the position is one of following..going with and going like..the Lord, himself.

2. The characteristics of the practice of the follower.

We find in the New Testament four explicit passages in which we are told how we are to follow Christ. We may bring these together to get a view of the practices of the follower:

a. Philippians 2:5... "let this mind be in you..." In these words nothing is plainer than the truth that we are to think after the pattern in which the Lord thought. There is a sense in which the