

What Does It Mean to be “An Extraordinary Follower of Christ”?

The People of the Book

I. Introduction

A. “Transforming ordinary people into extraordinary Followers of Christ.”

II. What Does It Mean to be “An Extraordinary Follower of Christ”?

A. Commitment to Christ

1. Received Christ as Lord and Savior (Born Again)
2. Water baptized
3. Worshipper of God
4. Obedience to Christ and His Word

B. Commitment to His Church

1. Membership (Newcomer’s class)
2. Consistent attendance
3. Small group participation
4. Giving of Finances
5. Serving

C. Commitment to His Cause

1. Sharing your faith
2. Being an inviter
3. Leading and discipling others
4. Ministering to others
5. Ministering to the poor
6. Local and global outreach

III. The People of the Book

A. “Does the Scroll on which this is written render the hand unclean?”

B. Deut. 17:18-20 (NLT) ¹⁸“When he sits on the throne as king, he must copy for himself this body of instruction on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests. ¹⁹He must always keep that copy with him and read it daily as long as he lives. That way he will learn to fear the LORD his God by obeying all the terms of these instructions and decrees. ²⁰This regular reading will prevent him from becoming proud and acting as if he is above his fellow citizens. It will also prevent him from turning away from these commands in the smallest way. And it will ensure that he and his descendants will reign for many generations in Israel.”

C. Acts 2:42a (NLT) All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching.

IV. An Acrostic to Help You in Your Devotion to the Bible:

A. Scriptures

1. II Timothy 3:16-17 (NAS) ¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

B. Observation

1. Eph. 5:25-27 (NLT) ²⁵For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her ²⁶to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. ²⁷He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

C. Application

D. Prayer

1. S - - I read the Scripture.
O - - Here's what I Observed from that Scripture.
A - - Here's how this Scripture Applies to my life.
P - - Out of that, I form a Prayer.
2. John 1:14 (NAS) *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*
3. John 3:16 (NAS) *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."*

V. Conclusion