

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

The Church On Monday Morning

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 (Newcomers' 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

D. Acts 1:8 (NAS) *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”*

E. Acts 2:42-47 (NLT) *⁴²All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. ⁴³A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—⁴⁷all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.*

F. Mark 10:45 (NAS) *“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

G. Mark 12:29-31 (NLT) *²⁹Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. ³⁰And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ ³¹The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”*

- H. Gal. 3:28 (NLT) *There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.*
- I. Prov. 11:10a (NAS) *When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices.*
- J. "Tsaddikim" – "Those people who are willing to disadvantage themselves in order to advantage the community. They are willing to disadvantage themselves to bless the community."
- K. II Cor. 8:9 (NLT) *You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.*
- L. Matt. 5:13a, 14 (NLT) ¹³*"You are the salt of the earth. ¹⁴You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden."*

III. Conclusion