

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

## I. Introduction

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

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- A. John 5:19-20 (NLT) <sup>19</sup>So Jesus explained, “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. <sup>20</sup>For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. In fact, the Father will show him how to do even greater works than healing this man. Then you will truly be astonished.”
- B. Phil. 2:5-11 (NAS) <sup>5</sup>Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- C. Heb. 4:14-16 (NAS) <sup>14</sup>Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- D. John 14:12 (NAS) “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.”
- E. Eph. 2:10 (NAS) For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
- F. Matt. 10:1, 5, 7-8 (NLT) <sup>1</sup>Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to cast out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and illness. <sup>5</sup>Jesus sent out the twelve apostles with these instructions: “Don’t go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans.” <sup>7</sup>“Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. <sup>8</sup>Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!”
- G. Phil. 3:17 (NLT) “Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example.”
- H. Phil. 3:18-20 (NLT) <sup>18</sup>“For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth. <sup>20</sup>But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.”

### III. Conclusion