

# Serves as a Pattern

*“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1).*

Following Jesus’ example is biblical and Jesus is our Example. The Apostle Paul used Jesus as his model and the only example for his life. The definition of example means one that serves as a pattern to be imitated or not to be imitated.

Following Jesus’ example is not always glamorous or easy. How you live out your life is the most appropriate way of passing on the good news to those who live in very close proximity to you.

Jesus leads by his footprints in all that He did and for all we must do in the service of God. Jesus loved sinners. We must love others as He loves. “Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God” (Ephesians 5:1-2).

He is the greatest example of drawing men to the goodness of God. Jesus had fellowship with sinners and was a friend to sinners. Jesus was always about the people displaying God's love and grace into their life. They were drawn to His great love for them. Our example of what true and real love looks like is Jesus.

God has given us Jesus, the perfect example of putting others’ needs above our own. To follow in the right path, we must see where He planted His steps and plant our footsteps in the same places.

“Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests but take an interest in others, too” (Philippians 2:3-4).

Jesus overcame as a man like us, it means that we can also live the same life that He lived while on earth. Jesus wants us to be going about doing the same things that He Himself was here on earth doing.

To live as Jesus did it can only be done through the power of the Spirit, in submission to the Father, by obedience to his Word.

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