

Followers vs. Disciples

Followers and disciples:
both are under
a master;
but followers require
a leader,
whereas disciples need
a teacher.

A follower is a
recruit,
trained to take
orders;
a disciple is a
pupil,
intent on
study.

A follower can get by
with external
guidance;
a disciple is lost
without interior
illumination.

Followers come together
to form a troop;
the band of disciples
is called a school.

Followers can lose
their identity
in the crowd;
disciples affirm
their personalities
within the community.

Followers are easily swayed
by forceful rhetoric;
disciples must be convinced
by cogent reasoning.

Not every follower
will become a leader;
but every disciple should
strive to be a teacher.

The challenge, therefore,
for Christians is:
are we merely faithful
followers of Christ,
or are we also His
devoted disciples?

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