

10 CHARACTERISTICS OF A *Follower of Christ*



1 Engages with Jesus in up-close, intimate ways.

Followers look to get up-close to Jesus often. Having experienced Jesus' love and forgiveness, they desire to know, learn from, enjoy, and please Him anywhere, everywhere, as often as possible. Nothing becomes a higher priority than knowing and loving Jesus in the deepest ways.

Encounters God in His Word. 2

Followers seek God in His Word. They not only learn about God, they actually get to know Him. God's Word instructs and challenges them, guides and directs them, encourages and comforts them, delights and activates them. That's why they study it, savor it, and cherish it.



3 Connects with God continually through prayer.

Followers constantly talk and listen to God through prayer. Prayer becomes ongoing conversation with God throughout the day to know His heart and do what pleases Him. Prayer provides opportunities to seek God's help for others, ask for wisdom and strength, and have honest conversation with all that's going on in the world, God's Kingdom, and their heart.

Makes worship and praise a lifestyle. 4

Followers worship and praise God far beyond a weekly gathering at church. They constantly look around for God's hand and handiwork in nature, people, and situations. They can't help but adore God for who He is and proclaim in praise and thanksgiving, "Look what God has done, see what God is doing!"



5 Embraces growth as a lifelong posture and pursuit.

Followers embrace that they will never stop growing and maturing in Christ. They approach God, life, and others humbly, knowing that God's work in them and others is ongoing. They are grateful for where God has brought them and eager for Him to take them further.

Practices generosity. 6

Followers are generous with their time, money, possessions, and talents because they know how generous God has been with them. They believe that all they have and all they are belong to God, and they willingly and cheerfully share their resources with God and others.



7 Unites with other believers in Kingdom community.

Followers unite with other believers in loving and serving Christ and His Kingdom. They realize they were never meant to go it alone as a Christian. They understand the need and benefit of local church community for encouragement, accountability, worship, service, growth, and Kingdom impact. Followers continue to discover and use their unique gifts and wirings to benefit God's Kingdom through their local church body and beyond.

Exercises an ongoing life of faith. 8

Followers learn to trust and rely on God daily. Their faith grows as they rely on God for things they are incapable of doing, overcoming, or accomplishing on their own. Followers increase their faith as they recall God's faithfulness and seek the Holy Spirit daily.



9 Says yes to God early and often.

Followers listen carefully for God's instructions and promptly do what He asks. They practice hearing God speak through His Word, prayer, preaching, creation, other followers, His "still, small voice," and more. Then, they practice giving a quick yes! to what God instructs. They discover that quick yesses to God glorify Him sooner and advance the Kingdom farther, faster.

Shares God's story and their own. 10

Followers gladly share what they've graciously received. They know how radically Christ has changed their life through His life, death, and resurrection, and they want to share the good news with others. Followers willingly look for opportunities to share God's story and their own in intentional, loving, and Spirit-led ways.

