

Following the Steps of the Savior

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1. Follow the steps of the Savior

1 Peter 2:18-21, *“Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. ¹⁹ For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. ²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps.”*

Matthew 25:21, *“Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”*

1 Peter 2:21-22, *“For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, ²² who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth.”*

Isaiah 53:8-9, *“By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due? ⁹ His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was with a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth.”*

Isaiah 53:10-11, *“But the Lord was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief; if He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand. ¹¹ As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities.”*

2. Be willing to suffer like the Savior.

1 Peter 2:21-23, *“For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,²² who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to God who judges righteously.”*

1 Peter 4:8, *“Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another.”*

John 21:18-19, *“I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself (or tied on your belt) and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you (or tie you up) and lead you where you do not want to go.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then Jesus said to him, “Follow me!”*

Philippians 1:6, *“For I am confident of this very thing, that God who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”*

3. Entrust ourselves to God like the Savior

1 Peter 2:23-25, *“While being reviled, Jesus did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.²⁵ For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.”*