

STEPS OF A GENUINE FOLLOWER

Matthew 4:17-22

True happiness comes in knowing your purpose! If you want to find your purpose make God your leader and follow Him!

FOUR STEPS OF A GENUINE FOLLOWER:

First, You Must _____

- Verse 17, “From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”
- Romans 3:23, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
- Romans 7:24-25, “What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God – through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
- Have you been set free from the chains of sin and death?

Second, Put Your _____

- Illustration of John Paton translating the Gospel of John to the cannibals in the New Hebrides Islands
- Have you put your whole weight (full confidence) upon Jesus Christ?

Third, You Must _____

- Verses 18-20, “...Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him.”
- Are you committed to the doing the work of the Gospel?
- If we’re going to be genuine followers, we must commit to His cause, otherwise we’re not followers... we’re merely observers!

Fourth, You Must _____

- Verses 21-21, “...And he called them to come. They immediately followed him leaving the boat and their father behind.”
- Our devotion to Jesus should make our love for others pale in comparison
- Luke 14:26-27, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters – yes, even his own life – he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

**ARE YOU A
GENUINE FOLLOWER?**