

What Disciples Of Jesus Do

The premier action verb for Christian discipleship is "follow."
Disciples of Jesus *follow* him!

John 12:26 & Luke 9:23, NLT

Anyone who wants to be my disciple must follow me...If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me.

Our Purpose Statement

*Helping people follow Jesus more
so that more follow Jesus!*

Matthew 4:19-20, NLT

Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Followers Make Progress!

**Disciples of Jesus advance forward,
step-by-step, behind his lead!**

1Peter 2:21, NLT

For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.

How Disciples Move Along

Followers of Jesus WALK!

Colossians 2:6 & 1:9-10; 1 John 2:6, ESV; 1Peter 2:21, NLT

Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so WALK in him...we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to WALK in a manner worthy of the Lord... By this we know that we are in [Christ]: whoever says he abides in him ought to WALK in the same manner as he walked.

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- Walk by faith—2 Corinthians 5:7
- Walk in love—Ephesians 5:2
- Walk in good works—Ephesians 2:10
- Walk in the Spirit—Galatians 5:16
- Walk in the truth—3 John 4
- Walk according to his commandments—2 John 6
- Walk in wisdom toward outsiders—Colossians 4:6

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- "Walking" connotes a heart-healthy, progressive pace you can maintain for life!

What About "Running"?

In the few times that the NT describes the Christian life as a race to run, the race is a long one that requires stamina—not speed.

Hebrews 12:2, NLT

And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

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- PATIENCE: gradual progress—not, sudden or speedy!

Walking Through 2016 Step By Step

In what area of your life do you most need to exercise "left foot...right foot" steadiness?
