

“The Kinds Of Followers Jesus Doesn’t Need”

Lesson Text: **Luke 9:57-62.**

I. The Following At A Distance Follower.

- Like Peter Did- **Matthew 26:57-58.**
- They May Have Reasons (Excuses) For Not Getting Too Close To Jesus:
 - They May Stay Away From Fear Of Responsibility, Obligations, And Duties.
 - If They Get Closer, They May Be Called Upon To Do More.
 - They Keep Jesus A Safe Distance Away From Their Lives.
 - But Is It Really Safe? **Matthew 26:69-75; Hebrews 2:1.**

II. The Bread-Seeking Follower.

- Like Some Who Followed Jesus For More Bread- **John 6:24-29.**
- Our Motives Must Be Right In Following Jesus— Not What We Get, But Give.
 - Jesus Never Tried To Gain Disciples By Offering Them Material Things- **John 12:32.**
 - Too Many Followers Today Have An Attitude Of, “What Does This Church Offer?”

III. The Prominence Driven Follower.

- James & John Asked For Prominent Positions- **Mark 10:35-41.**
- Diotrefes Desired The Preeminence- **3 John 9-11.**
 - This Attitude Brings Strife And Competition Among Brothers! **James 3:16.**

IV. The Critical-Complaining Follower.

- Judas Criticized Mary’s Anointing Jesus- **John 12:1-7; Mark 14:4-6.**
- Being Critical And Complaining Is Not Helpful- Even Sin! **Philippians 2:14-16.**
- This Behavior Hinders The Work Of The Church- **Galatians 5:15.**

V. The Hard-To-Get-Along-With Follower.

- Two Women At Philippi Had Trouble Getting Along- **Philippians 4:1-3.**
- We All Know People Who Are Hard To Get Along With— But Should Christians Be?
- This Can Disrupt The Unity And Work Of The Church- **Philippians 2:1-4?**
 - Some Will Try To Sow Discord Among Brethren- **Proverbs 6:14; 16:28.**
 - Some Will Try To Promote False Doctrines- **2 Timothy 2:14-17.**
 - Some Will Walk Disorderly- **2 Thessalonians 3:6.**

VI. The Pretend Follower.

- **Galatians 2:4; I John 2:19**
- Some Pretend For Different Reasons:
 - To Please Others.
 - Overtaken By Sin And Still Attending.
- But This Is Hypocritical Behavior! It Doesn’t Benefit Jesus Any- **Matthew 5:13.**
- Jesus Doesn’t Need Fake Christians. Why? No Good Done/No Good Example.

VII. What Jesus Needs Us To Be.

- Genuine, Loving, Kind, Easy To Get Along With, Encouraging... **Acts 14:21-22.**
 - We Need To Be The Kind Of Followers Who Help, Not Hinder The Cause Of Christ.