

**TOPIC: SEVEN KEYS TO FOLLOW JESUS.**

**Key Verse: Mark 8:34**

**Introduction:** Most of us are keenly aware of the qualities we lack as followers of Jesus. Perhaps you are like me. From time to time I catch myself thinking, if I only had a little faith, I could be a better disciple. Actually, we could substitute nearly any other quality for the word faith, if I only had a little more teaching, time, energy and money, we possess the assurance of our weakness instead of the assurance of his faithfulness. Let me share with you a passage from Peter second letter that changed my life forever. Several years ago it flashed like lightning across my heart, and the thunder still rattles my everyday life. His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promise, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. For this very reason, make every effort. **2 Peter 1:3-5**

**Here are 7 keys to follow Jesus from these amazing words. Perhaps you could carry them with you.**

1. **Confess Jesus: Luke 12:8-9** - I assure you that those who declare publicly that they belong to me, the son of man will do the same before the angels of God. **Daniel 3:16-18** Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego answered, your majesty, we will not try to defend ourselves. If the God whom we serve is not able to save us from the blazing furnace and from your power, then he will. But even if he doesn't, your majesty may be sure that we will not worship your god, and we will not bow down to the gold statue that you have set up.
2. **Obedience to God: 1 Samuel 15:22** Samuel said, which does the LORD prefer, obedience or offering and sacrifice? It is better to obey him than to sacrifice the best sheep to him. **Gen 12:1-3** We hear about God asked Abraham to leave his family and also in **Gen 22:1-5** and **9** God also asked for his son and also in **John 21:3-6** we also heard about Jesus asked Peter to throw his net out on the right side of the boat ,and you will catch some

3. **Forget about yourself: Luke 9:23.** And he said to them all anyone who wants to come with me must forget yourself, take up their cross every day, and follow me. Read mark 8:34-37
  
4. **Give all to God: Matt 11:25-30 and Luke 14:33.** In the same way concluded Jesus, none of you can be my disciples unless you give up everything you have. **Read Luke 9 vs 57+62, Luke 14:26-27, Matt 16:24-25 and Matt 10:37-39.**
  
5. **Exam your life: 2 Corinthians 13-5-** Put yourselves to test and judge yourselves, to find out whether you are living in faith, surely you know that Christ Jesus is in you. **Read more on Proverbs 6:1-9.**
  
6. **Get ready for the last day: Luke 21:34-36,** be on your guard, don't let yourselves become occupied with too much feasting and drinking and with the worries of this life, or that day may suddenly catch you like a trap. For it will come upon all people everywhere on earth. Be on the alert and pray always that you will have the strength to go safely through all those things that will happen and to stand before the son of man. **Read more 2 Peter 3:1-5**
  
7. **Don't misused your freedom: Galatians 5:1** - Freedom is what we have Christ has set us free stand, then as free people, and do not allow yourselves to become slaves again. Read more on 1 Corinthians 6:12-20.

**Conclusion: Ecclesiastes 12** after all this, there is only one thing to say, have reverence for God, and obey his commands, because this is all that human beings were created for. God is going to judge everything we do, whether good or bad, even things done in secret. Thanks and God bless your all, have a wonderful week ahead