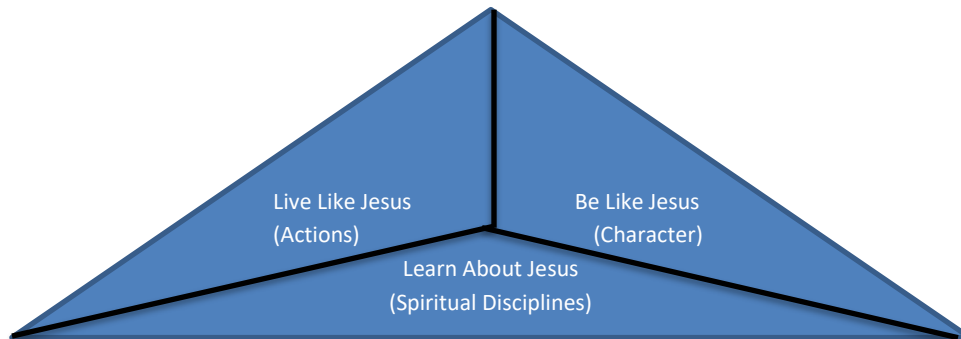


What is a 'Fully Devoted Follower' of Christ?

After we accept God's gift of salvation through Christ, and we've committed our lives to Him, our love for God manifests itself in an ongoing lifestyle in which we continue to learn more about God, we strive to have His character, and we serve Him by the way we live.



Here are some examples (not an exhaustive list):

Learn and Know God More –The personal actions we do to stay close to God.

- Prayer and fasting (Luke 6:12, 1 Cor 14:14-15, James 5:13-16, 1 Thes 5:17, Jude 1:20, Matt 26:41)
- Bible Reading, meditation, memorization (Heb 5:12-14, John 17:17, 1 Thes 2:13, 1 Peter 1 :23-25, 1 Peter 2:1-2, 2 Tim 2:15; 2 Peter 1:5)

Live the Way Jesus Lived --The actions that show our love and obedience to God.

- "L" Live in community
 - Share life with other Christians (Acts 2:42; Heb 10:24-25, Eph 4:11-16; 1 Peter 4:10; Titus 2:3)
 - Be a positive spiritual influence in your family (Eph 6:1-4; Eph 5:21-33, Col 3:18-21, 1 Peter 3:1-7, Matt 7:9)
- "I" Invest in others
 - Share your faith (Romans 10:9-10; Eph 6:19-20)
 - Serve the poor, widows and orphans (Gal 2:10, James 2:14-26, Luke 18:22, Zec 7:9)
- "V" Volunteer my time and gifts
 - Exercise spiritual gifts inside and outside the church community (1 Cor 12; Rom 12:6; James 1:22-25)
 - Doing constructive, good works daily (Eph 2:8-10)
- "E" Equip myself
 - Engage in life-long learning, and applying Bible teaching to your life (Eph 6: 10-18; Jude 1:20, 2 Tim 2:15)

Be Like Jesus—The character traits we want to develop as we imitate Christ

- "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39).
- "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." (Galatians 5:6)
- "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Galatians 5: 22-23)
- "Show justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before your God." (Zechariah 7:9)

Being a fully devoted follower doesn't mean that we're perfect! But it does mean that we genuinely pursue Christ and His ways as a response to His love for us, and our growing love for Him. If you'd like to learn more, feel free to contact us at NextSteps@whoisgrace.com.