

# Seven Steps To Becoming A Better Christian

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Text: Luke 9:23- 26

Introduction: What does it mean to follow Jesus? What does it mean to be a good Christian? Today, I want us to listen to Jesus and hear some things He has to say about us being good Christians. Let's consider seven things He expects . . . . .

Discussion:

## STEP ONE = Forgive Others

**Matthew 6:14- 15** says, "Yes, if you forgive others for their sins, your Father in heaven will also forgive you for your sins. But if you don't forgive others, your Father in heaven will not forgive your sins."

## STEP TWO = Help Others

**Matthew 7:12** says, "Do to others what you want them to do to you. This is the meaning of the law of Moses and the teaching of the prophets."

## STEP THREE = Reconcile With Others

**Matthew 18:15- 17** says, "If your fellow believer sins against you, go and tell him in private what he did wrong. If he listens to you, you have helped that person to be your brother or sister again. But if he refuses to listen, go to him again and take one or two other people with you. 'Every case may be proved by two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen to the church, then treat him like a person who does not believe in God or like a tax collector."

## STEP FOUR = Share Your Faith With Others

**Matthew 28:19- 20** says, "So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have taught you, and I will be with you always, even until the end of this age."

## STEP FIVE = Respect Others

**Mark 9:50** says, "Salt is good, but if the salt loses its salty taste, you cannot make it salty again. So, be full of salt, and have peace with each other."

## STEP SIX = Do Not Judge Others

**Luke 6:37** says, "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

## STEP SEVEN = Fellowship With Others

**John 13:34- 35** says, "I give you a new command: Love each other. You must love each other as I have loved you. All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other."

Conclusion: Becoming a better Christian is about getting to know God, trying for conform into the image of His Son, and being filled with His Spirit. God has a plan for you. He wants you to be closer to Him. He wants you to become more like Him. What will you do?

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