Following Christ Part 4

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Following Christ requires that you daily submit every single area of your life (your mind or heart, your decisions and desires, your worries and cares, your past, present and future) to His Lordship (His Word, will and way) and justice (His penalty for sin), so that it will count for His Kingdom (Mat 16:21-24; Luk 14:25-35; Luk 9:23 and 62). *In short, you choose to only be concerned with gaining Christ and His approval and nothing or nobody else (2Co 5:9-17; 2Ti 2:4; Phi 1:21; Col 3:2; 1Co 4:1-4)* . Anything less than that is not following Christ according to how He defines it will not only fail to be effective in dealing w/sin, but manifest itself in a lack of boldness, interest, passion or loyalty for Christ in comparison to other things (*Mat 6:21*; Exo 20:3; *passion is what happens when you invest everything [when you give your whole life/everything you are/your present and future/all your hopes over to the Lordship of Christ]*).

<u>What following Christ is *not*:</u>

1. It is *not* confusing.
2. It is *not* going to make temptation/trials go away.
3. It is *not* separate from loyalty to the church.
4. It is *not* rehab or gradual.
5. It is *not* a hamster on a wheel.
6. It is *not* the path most of those who claim to be follow Christ will take or continue on.

7. It is *not* meant to accommodate our_____.

8. It is *not* _____the same for all things.

9. It is *not* constantly being guilty of_____.