

FAN OR FOLLOWER?

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Matthew 7:21-23 (NIV)

A Fan is...

An enthusiastic admirer.

If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. Luke 9:23 (NKJV)

For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. Philippians 1:29 (NLT)

When Christ calls a man, He bids him to come and die.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

How To Determine If You Are A Follower and Not A Fan:

1. Your life reflects what you say you believe.

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2. Your confidence is in God's grace, not your righteous acts or good deeds.

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Matthew 7:22 (NIV)

3. You have an intimate relationship with Jesus.

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