

## Walking is Following – in obedience

### Isa 30:21 -

Hard words for today...

1. Authority
2. Submit
3. We choose easier, softer words like lead, follow, influence
4. “master” and slave ?

Old hymns used these words hundreds of times –

“I love my master”, more like the master, give your best to the master

Over 700 times, Jesus is called Lord and or “master”

We are referred to as servants, slaves, even bondservants

To follow is to Obey – John 14:15 –

To “like” is a simple way of saying “I enjoyed” it, but not enough to comment

To follow means “I approve of you and want to see this feed” I want updates

Jesus on Facebook?

He friended me? He sent me a pm? He has a “go fund me?”

He has viral memes such as “love your neighbor” but he lost a lot of followers when he lashed out at those pharisee guys.

Many are willing to “partner” – as long as we are co-equals

I would like a side of god to go please and hurry...

Many will walk in unity...until we disagree

Unity is **not** unconditional agreement simultaneously

Unity is cooperation to attain a mutual goal.

## Co-dependent? Or God dependent?

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| 1. Provide money to support a habit      | 1. God provides, you steward |
| 2. Deny the problems                     | 2. Confess personal sins     |
| 3. Avoid conflict at all cost            | 3. Embrace healthy conflict  |
| 4. Feel responsible for others feelings  | 4. Release and forgive       |
| 5. Make excuses for others               | 5. Speak the truth           |
| 6. Say yes when you mean no              | 6. Yes for yes, no for no    |
| 7. Rescue, intervene, avoid consequences | 7. Let God rescue them       |
| 8. Put others needs ahead of your own    | 8. Love neighbor as yourself |
| 9. Turn to abuse to cope with others     | 9. Seek God for answers      |
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Very few will follow where He leads, even fewer will obey

We often reserve the right to obey, follow or submit because:

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| 1. we don't understand              | not renewed mind - worldly thinking - |
| 2. we don't feel it (at the moment) | emotionally driven                    |
| 3. we cling to our pride            | self serving narcissist               |

If we comply – we do it when we don't understand or agree, let alone crucify our personal ideas, choices and desires.

## 3 levels of "buy in"

1. Like and participate as long as it benefits me
2. Like and participate as long as its convenient / minimal investment
3. Committed to the cause no matter what it takes / even sacrifice everything