



Identifying the Followers

NorthRidge Church

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As a Follower of Christ

What does a Christ Follower look like?

The natural tendency of all Religion is toward _____ rather than _____

In Christianity . . . it is so easy to confuse _____ with _____

Paul . . . A Christ Follower is known by His Wardrobe

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with . . . And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. – Colossian 3:12-14

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.
5. _____.
6. _____.
7. _____.

My Response – Am I following?

What am I wearing?
 What is my next step?
 Am I willing to take the next step?

Truth for Life

For the week of April 23, 2017

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. What’s your favorite sports team? To what extremes have you gone to show your support for your team?
2. When you think of the word “Christian” what qualities come to mind? Are they positive or negative? Why? Talk about a time when you encountered a Christian who was more interested in making a point than making a difference. How did that person affect the way you view Jesus?
3. In the message, Pastor David said, “The natural tendency of all religions is toward rule keeping instead of relationship building.” Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?
4. Read Colossians 3:12–14. Think about the traits/characteristics the Apostle Paul is urging Christ Followers to put on. What are some of the challenges to living the kind of life Jesus calls his followers to live? Is it possible to fake a “spiritual wardrobe”? Does it matter? Is it a bad thing? Is it ever good to “fake it” when it comes to traits we looked at this weekend?

Action Step Challenge . . .

The challenge to follow Christ moves us beyond the plotting of our path to see how far we have come. Evaluate our present status by asking, am I following Christ? That doesn’t mean radical change all at once. It means taking one step. Whatever your next step is . . . take it. Whatever your point of challenge right now is, that’s where God wants to work in your life.

1. Think of one person in your life who is difficult to love. What is one thing you can do this week to better love that person?
2. What can this group do to support you?

Memory Verse

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1. **Compassion.**
2. **Kindness.**
3. **Humility.**
4. **Gentleness.**
5. **Patience.**
6. **Forgiveness.**
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