



I. WHY DO I NEED A LEADER?

There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.
Proverbs 14:12 (NLT)

II. HOW DO I FOLLOW JESUS? - JOHN 15:1-16:4

1. Stay connected to Him (v.1-8)

Israel is the vineyard of the Lord Almighty; the people of Judah are the vines he planted...
Isaiah 5:7 (TEV)

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

Galatians 5:22-24 (NLT)

Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word.
Psalm 119:67 (NIV)

2. Love others as Jesus has loved me (v.9-17)

Jesus answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and most important command. And the second command is like the first: ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’ All the law and the writings of the prophets depend on these two commands.”

Matthew 22:37-40 (NCV)

3. Expect to be hated by the world (v.18-16:4)

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,
2 Timothy 3:12 (NIV)

And the judgment is based on this fact: God’s light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed.

John 3:19-20 (NLT)