

Spiritual Vocabulary: Follow

What we are going to do is to break down what the TRUE meaning of the word **follow** is so you will know. What we are going to show you is how you can start YOUR study of the Bible by taking a topic and breaking down the words so we can understand their meaning. Notice that we did NOT go back to the Greek or the Hebrew for this; we got OUR dictionary and broke it down from there.

Not everyone can go through and read the Bible from cover to cover as some people and pastors on You Tube and the Internet brag that they do. With the unktion of the Holy Ghost, **the Bible has to be revealed to you**, and working with the Holy Ghost is how this is done. If you do not know the Holy Ghost, you are REALLY missing out. **It is actually fun to study when you study with the Holy Ghost**, and what He reveals in the Bible when you study with Him is mind-boggling.

It would be wise to ask Jesus to help you with this article, Christian. We are going to start off by delving into the meaning of the words and grabbing every nugget of information out of them that we can. So let's get started by looking at the definition of **Follow** and see where that goes.

verb (used with object)

- to come after in sequence, order of time, etc.: *The speech follows the dinner.*
- to go or come after; move behind in the same direction: *Drive ahead, and I'll follow you.*
- to accept as a guide or leader; accept the authority of or give allegiance to: *Many Germans followed Hitler.*
- to conform to, comply with, or act in accordance with; obey: to follow orders; to follow advice.
- to imitate or copy; use as an exemplar: *They follow the latest fads.*
- to move forward along (a road, path, etc.): Follow this road for a mile.
- to come after as a result or consequence; result from: Reprisals often follow victory.
- to go after or along with (a person) as companion.
- to go in pursuit of: to follow an enemy.
- to try for or attain to: to follow an ideal.
- to engage in or be concerned with as a pursuit: He followed the sea as his true calling.
- to watch the movements, progress, or course of: to follow a bird in flight.
- to watch the development of or keep up with: to follow the news.
- to keep up with and understand (an argument, story, etc.): Do you follow me?

verb (used without object)

1. to come next after something else in sequence, order of time, etc.
2. to happen or occur after something else; come next as an event: After the defeat great disorder followed.
3. to attend or serve.
4. to go or come after a person or thing in motion.
5. to result as an effect; occur as a consequence: It follows then that he must be innocent.

noun

1. the act of following.
2. Billiards, Pool. follow shot(def 2).
3. follow-up(def 3).

Verb Phrases

1. follow out, to carry to a conclusion; execute: They followed out their orders to the letter.
2. follow through,
 - a. to carry out fully, as a stroke of a club in golf, a racket in tennis, etc.
 - b. to continue an effort, plan, proposal, policy, etc., to its completion.
3. follow up,
 - a. to pursue closely and tenaciously.
 - b. to increase the effectiveness of by further action or repetition.
 - c. to pursue to a solution or conclusion.

Idioms

1. follow suit. suit(def 21).

So we can formulate what the essence of this word means as it pertains to the Lord of Hosts, let's pull a few phrases and definitions from the main definition, as you can see above. These components are what is relevant to our search:

- to accept as a guide or leader; accept the authority of or give allegiance to
- to go or come after; move behind in the same direction
- to conform to, comply with, or act in accordance with; obey: to follow orders;
- to attend or serve.

So in this case, to follow can be defined as:

To **follow** is to accept an entity as a guide or leader, to accept the authority, give allegiance to, to attend, serve, obey, conform, comply, and act in accordance with said entity.

Since we are led to this, let's look up the words from the base definition and see what they mean. Let's start with **accept**:

verb (used with object)

- to take or receive (something offered); receive with approval or favor: to accept a present; to accept a proposal.
- to agree or consent to; accede to: to accept a treaty; to accept an apology.
- to respond or answer affirmatively to: to accept an invitation.
- to undertake the responsibility, duties, honors, etc., of: to accept the office of president.
- to receive or admit formally, as to a college or club.
- to accommodate or reconcile oneself to: to accept the situation.
- to regard as true or sound; believe: to accept a claim; to accept Catholicism.
- to regard as normal, suitable, or usual.
- to receive as to meaning; understand.
- Commerce. to acknowledge, by signature, as calling for payment, and thus to agree to pay, as a draft.
- (in a deliberative body) to receive as an adequate performance of the duty with which an officer or a committee has been charged; receive for further action: The report of the committee was accepted.
- to receive or contain (something attached, inserted, etc.): This socket won't accept a three-pronged plug.
- to receive (a transplanted organ or tissue) without adverse reaction. Compare reject (def 7).

verb (used without object)

1. to accept an invitation, gift, position, etc. (sometimes followed by of).

Let's go ahead and replace the word accept with the meaning so we can get a clearer picture of what this means in the context of our definition.

To follow is to receive with approval or favor an entity as a guide or leader, to accept the authority, give allegiance to, to attend, serve, obey, conform, comply, and act in accordance with said entity.

Let's look up **guide** and see where this goes:

verb

1. to lead the way for (a person)
2. to control the movement or course of (an animal, vehicle, etc) by physical action; steer
3. to supervise or instruct (a person)
4. (tr) to direct the affairs of (a person, company, nation, etc) he guided the country through the war
5. (tr) to advise or influence (a person) in his standards or opinions let truth guide you always

noun

1. a person, animal, or thing that guides
2. (as modifier)a guide dog
3. a person, usually paid, who conducts tour expeditions, etc
4. a model or criterion, as in moral standards or accuracy
5. a book that instructs or explains the fundamentals of a subject or skill a guide to better living
6. any device that directs the motion of a tool or machine part
7. a mark, sign, etc, that points the way
8. (in combination)guidepost
9. a spirit believed to influence a medium so as to direct what he utters and convey messages through him
10. a ship in a formation used as a reference for manoeuvres, esp with relation to maintaining the correct formation and disposition
11. a soldier stationed to one side of a column or line to regulate alignment, show the way, etc

To fit our definition, we have two meanings of guide that could fit. They are:

- a person, animal, or thing that guides
- a spirit believed to influence a medium so as to direct what he utters and convey messages

Let's go ahead and add in both of them so we can further refine our definition.

To follow is to receive with approval or favor a person or spirit or leader, to accept the authority, give allegiance to, to attend, serve, obey, conform, comply, and act in accordance with said entity.

So far so good. Let's look up **leader**:

noun

1. a person who rules, guides, or inspires others; head
2. Also called (esp US and Canadian): concertmaster the principal first violinist of an orchestra, who plays solo parts, and acts as the conductor's deputy and spokesman for the orchestra
3. a conductor or director of an orchestra or chorus
4. the first man on a climbing rope
5. the leading horse or dog in a team
6. mainly US and Canadian an article offered at a sufficiently low price to attract customers See also loss leader
7. a statistic or index that gives an advance indication of the state of the economy

8. Also called: leading article mainly British the leading editorial in a newspaper
9. angling another word for trace 2 (def. 2), cast (def. 32a)
10. nautical another term for fairlead
11. a strip of blank film or tape used to facilitate threading a projector, developing machine, etc, and to aid identification
12. (plural) printing rows of dots or hyphens used to guide the reader's eye across a page, as in a table of contents
13. botany any of the long slender shoots that grow from the stem or branch of a tree: usually removed during pruning
14. British a member of the Government having primary authority in initiating legislative business (esp. in the phrases Leader of the House of Commons and Leader of the House of Lords)
15. the senior barrister, usually a Queen's Counsel, in charge of the conduct of a case Compare junior (def. 6)

Let's agree that this is the correct definition of leader for our definition of follow:

1. A person who rules, guides, or inspires others

Let's refine our definition even further using the definition of a **leader**:

To follow is to receive with approval or favor a person or spirit who rules, guides, or inspires others, to accept the authority, give allegiance to, to attend, serve, obey, conform, comply, and act in accordance with said entity.

Moving on, Let's look up **authority**:

noun plural -ties

1. the power or right to control, judge, or prohibit the actions of others
2. (often plural) a person or group of people having this power, such as a government, police force, etc
3. a position that commands such a power or right (often in the phrase in authority)
4. such a power or right delegated, esp from one person to another; authorization she has his authority
5. the ability to influence or control others man of authority
6. an expert or an authoritative written work in a particular field he is an authority on Ming china
7. evidence or testimony we have it on his authority that she is dead
8. confidence resulting from great expertise the violinist lacked authority in his cadenza
9. (capital when part of a name) a public board or corporation exercising governmental authority in administering some enterprise Independent Broadcasting Authority
10. .law
 - a.a judicial decision, statute, or rule of law that establishes a principle; precedent
 - b.legal permission granted to a person to perform a specified act

Let's agree that **authority** is best defined in this case as:

- the power or right to control, judge, or prohibit the actions of others

Let's refine our definition a little further:

To follow is to receive with approval or favor a person or spirit who rules, guides, or inspires others, **having the power or right to control, judge or prohibit the actions of others**, give allegiance to, to attend, serve, obey, conform, comply, and act in accordance with said entity.

Let's look up **allegiance**:

noun

1. the loyalty of a citizen to his or her government or of a subject to his or her sovereign.
2. loyalty or devotion to some person, group, cause, or the like.

Let's agree that allegiance is best served by this definition:

- the loyalty of a citizen to his or her government or of a subject to his or her sovereign.

Refining the definition, this is what it looks like:

To follow is to receive with approval or favor a person or spirit who rules, guides, or inspires others, **having the power or right to control, judge or prohibit the actions of others, loyally subjected to his or her sovereign** and attend to, serve, obey, conform, comply, and act in accordance with said entity.

Since we are led to this, let's look at what **sovereign** means:

noun

1. a monarch; a king, queen, or other supreme ruler.
2. a person who has supreme power or authority.
3. a group or body of persons or a state having sovereign authority.
4. a gold coin of the United Kingdom, equal to one pound sterling: went out of circulation after 1914.

adjective

1. belonging to or characteristic of a sovereign or sovereign authority; royal.
2. having supreme rank, power, or authority.
3. supreme; preeminent; indisputable: a sovereign right.

4. greatest in degree; utmost or extreme.
5. being above all others in character, importance, excellence, etc.
6. efficacious; potent: a sovereign remedy.

Let's agree that **sovereign** means:

- a person who has supreme power or authority.

Let's add this to your definition and see what we come up with:

To follow is to receive with approval or favor a person or spirit who rules, guides or inspires others, having the power or right to control, judge or prohibit the actions of others, **loyally subjected to his or her person or spirit has supreme power or authority to attend to, serve, obey, conform, comply, and act in accordance with said entity.**

Well, isn't that interesting. Let's continue with what attend means:

verb

1. to be present at (an event, meeting, etc)
2. (when intr, foll by to) to give care; minister
3. (when intr, foll by to) to pay attention; listen
4. (tr; often passive) to accompany or follow a high temperature attended by a severe cough
5. (intr; foll by on or upon) to follow as a consequence (of)
6. (intr foll by to) to devote one's time; apply oneself to attend to the garden
7. (tr) to escort or accompany
8. (intr; foll by on or upon) to wait (on); serve; provide for the needs (of)to attend on a guest
9. (tr) archaic to wait for; expect
10. (intr) obsolete to delay

Let's agree attend means:

- (intr; foll by on or upon) to wait (on); serve; provide for the needs (of)to attend on a guest

Let's update our definition:

To follow is to receive with approval or favor a person or spirit who rules, guides or inspires others, having the power or right to control, judge or prohibit the actions of others, **loyally subjected to his or her person or spirit has supreme power or authority to wait on, serve and provide for the needs of, obey, conform, comply, and act in accordance with said entity.**

Let's find the definition of **obey**:

verb

1. to carry out (instructions or orders); comply with (demands)
2. to behave or act in accordance with (one's feelings, whims, etc)

Let's agree obey is:

- to carry out (instructions or orders); comply with (demands)

Updating our definition, we have this:

To **follow** is to receive with approval or favor a person or spirit who rules, guides or inspires others, having the power or right to control, judge or prohibit the actions of others, loyally subjected to his or her person or spirit has supreme power or authority to wait on, serve and provide for the needs of and **carry out instructions, order or demands**, conform, comply, and act in accordance with said entity.

Let's look at the word **Conform**:

verb

1. (intr usually foll by to) to comply in actions, behaviour, etc, with accepted standards or norms
2. (intr usually foll by with) to be in accordance; fit in he conforms with my idea of a teacher
3. to make or become similar in character or form
4. (intr) to comply with the practices of an established church, esp the Church of England
5. (tr) to bring (oneself, ideas, etc) into harmony or agreement

Since **comply** was in the definition, let's find out what that means and then we will update our definition.

verb -plies, -plying or -plied (intr)

1. (usually foll by with) to act in accordance with rules, wishes, etc; be obedient (to)
2. to be obedient or complaisant

In this case, we think that this is the best definition for our uses:

- obsolete to be obedient or complaisant

Now, let's update our definition:

To **follow** is to receive with approval or favor a person or spirit who rules, guides or inspires others, having the power or right to control, judge or prohibit the actions of others, loyally subjected to his or her person or spirit who has supreme power or authority to wait on, serve, provide for the needs of and carry out instructions, order or demands **obediently** in accordance with said entity.

Finally, we have **accordance**. Let's find out what **Accordance** means:

noun

1. conformity; agreement; accord (esp in the phrase in accordance with)
2. the act of granting; bestowal accordance of rights

since we are led here, **conformity** means:

noun plural -ities or -ances

1. compliance in actions, behaviour, etc, with certain accepted standards or norms
2. correspondence or likeness in form or appearance; congruity; agreement
3. compliance with the practices of an established church

and now **agreement**:

noun

1. the act of agreeing
2. a settlement, esp one that is legally enforceable; covenant; treaty
3. a contract or document containing such a settlement
4. the state of being of the same opinion; concord; harmony
5. the state of being similar or consistent; correspondence; conformity

and **accord**:

noun

1. agreement; conformity; accordance (esp in the phrase in accord with)
2. consent or concurrence of opinion
3. with one accord unanimously
4. pleasing relationship between sounds, colours, etc; harmony
5. a settlement of differences, as between nations; compromise
6. of one's own accord voluntarily

verb

1. to be or cause to be in harmony or agreement
2. (tr) to grant; bestow

Let's take the best definition of the last 3 words and put them here:

- conformity; agreement; accord (esp in the phrase in accordance with)
- the state of being of the same opinion; concord; harmony
- to be or cause to be in harmony or agreement

Let's go ahead and combine these and then add them to our definition. The combination is as follows:

The state of being of the same opinion and to be or cause to be in harmony or agreement

Further refined:

Being of the same opinion in harmony or agreement

Let's add this to our definition:

To **follow** is to receive with approval or favor a person or spirit who rules, guides or inspires others, having the power or right to control, judge or prohibit the actions of others, loyally subjected to his or her person or spirit who has supreme power or authority to wait on, serve, provide for the needs of and carry out instructions, order or demands **obediently in harmony and the same opinion with**

To finish our definition, we need to have a subject, so who are we following? Let's refine this to fit our discussion of Israel, so we are going to add entity to the definition, as you can see here:

To **follow** is to receive with approval or favor a **person, entity, or spirit** who rules, guides or inspires others, having the power or right to control, judge or prohibit the actions of others, loyally subjected to his or her **entity, person or spirit** who has supreme power or authority as you wait on, serve, provide for the needs of and carry out instructions, orders or demands **obediently in harmony and in the same opinion as said person, entity or spirit.**

And there you have it – to **Follow** someone is to basically subject yourself to that someone and provide their needs. To **follow** is to subjugate yourself to the entity you are following.

Can't you see that when you follow the Lord Jesus Christ, this definition fits what He has asked of you to a tee? So if you follow Christ and you serve Him, follow his direction, and are in agreement with Him, the same is true if you follow an entity that is NOT Christ?

Take some time to look over all of this, and see for yourself the INTENT of the word follow. Run this by the Lord Jesus Christ and see what He says about it.



A further look at what 'follow' really means

Let's keep the definition of the word **follow** up front so you can refer back to it as needed. **Follow** is defined as:

To **follow** is to receive with approval or favor a person, entity, or spirit who rules, guides or inspires others, having the power or right to control, judge or prohibit the actions of others, loyally subjected to his or her entity, person or spirit who has supreme power or authority as you wait on, serve, provide for the needs of and carry out instructions, orders or demands obediently in harmony and in the same opinion as said person, entity or spirit.

To make a point about the spiritual implications that the word Follow possesses, we are going to insert back into the definition the words we had broken down. This will make sense in a minute. We started with:

To **follow** is to accept an entity as a guide or leader, to accept the authority, give allegiance to, to attend, serve, obey, conform, comply, and act in accordance with said entity.

Let's add back in the terms that have spiritual significance:

To follow is to receive with approval or favor (**accept**) a person, entity, or spirit (**guide**) who rules, guides or inspires others (**leader**), having the power or right to control, judge or prohibit the actions of others (**authority**), loyally subjected to (**allegiance**) his or her entity, person or spirit who has supreme power or authority as you wait on (**attend**), serve, provide for the needs of and carry out instructions, orders or demands obediently (**obey**) in harmony and in the same opinion (**accordance**) as said person, entity or spirit.

Now, as we explore the word follow, we have an issue of **allegiance** here, which is VERY important under the Instruments of Adjudication under the Lord of Hosts' laws. Let's take a closer look at allegiance.

Allegiance is defined under the Laws of God **here**. What did you notice that strikes you, Christian?

What you should see is that if you give your **Allegiance** to an entity, a **tie** is formed between you and that entity. So, in the case of the Lord Jesus Christ, if He tells you to '**Follow Him**', and you do, you are giving your allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ and, as the definition shows, you will serve and obey the Lord Jesus Christ. Following Jesus will solidify your vow and covenant to Him, and that is because you have a tie to Him (this can also be looked at as a soul tie - this tie will save your soul). So, as you follow the definition of follow, you have given your allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ, and He can now talk to you and commune with you because of that tie that you have made with Him. In other words, that tie could be considered a bond that is yoking you to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, let's say that you, as a Born Again believer in Christ, decide to follow Israel, for example. As you know from the definition for Follow, there is an allegiance there and a bond or tie is made that will yoke you to the entity you are following. In this case, Let's say you are a Christian, and you heard that to be blessed you should Follow Israel.

Well, who doesn't want to be blessed?

So you decide to Follow Israel, and this is what happens to your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ:

- Your allegiance is now to Israel and NOT to the Lord Jesus Christ;
- The Tie that you had with the Lord Jesus Christ is now BROKEN;
- The broken tie is reformed so you are yoked to Israel;
- You have turned away from the Lord Jesus Christ, and you are now owned by Israel, as you have yoked yourself to her;
- You have broken your vow that you made with the Lord Jesus Christ when you got 'saved', and now are in danger of eternal separation;

- You have violated your covenant with the Lord Jesus Christ that you made, as you gave yourself to Him as your personal Lord and Saviour, and now you are in danger of eternal separation.

All of this happens when you decide to 'follow ' another entity. As you follow them, you will be subjected to all of the things that they are subjected to. In this case, you will be subjected to:

1. all of the curses that follow Israel;
2. all of the demons that inhabit Israel, because they can legally be appended to you via the tie;
3. all of the blood that is on the hands of those from Israel who killed innocent people, as this is a thing the Lord hates;
4. any and all judgments that Israel suffers, you now are suffering the same judgments.

Since you have turned away from the Lord Jesus Christ, you are now damned, and it will take you going back to the Lord Jesus Christ to beg for forgiveness, and know that **the Lord Jesus Christ is under NO OBLIGATION to take you back.** He could leave you out there and let you perish if He so chooses.

This is what is called **reprobation**, and you can find that in **Romans 1:28-32**. If the Lord decides that He does not want to save you, He - the Lord Himself - will send you a strong delusion so you CANNOT be redeemed, and you will be damned. It is a dangerous thing to be in the hands of an angry God, and Jesus will be very angry as you spit in His face and turn away from Him for another.



Here are some of the **Instruments of Adjudication** that apply in this case when you use the word follow. Take some time to read each one and you will be able to see that these Laws and what words mean are very important.

Promises

Oaths

Vows

Allegiance

Alliances

Covenants

Pledges

When you pledge or agree with something, you build a tie with the person whom you are in agreement with. Take a look at what Ties are and how that affects you when you 'support' something:

Ties

For your convenience, we have linked the legal instruments to our Law and Order study so you can see what we are talking about. Take a moment to read what each instrument does and the penalties that are appended to those instruments. If you promise to do something, you had better fulfill it or you will be judged by the Lord of Hosts and the Lord Jesus Christ personally. For your convenience, we have linked the legal instruments to our Law and Order study so you can see what we are talking about. Take a moment to read what each instrument does and the penalties that are appended to those instruments.



Let's pull all of this together

As you can plainly see, by following someone or something shows your INTENT as well as your allegiance to whatever it is you give your support to. In addition to that, by giving your allegiance to something you support, you turn away from the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, as he will give you over to the thing(s) you desire.

In other words, Christian, if you Follow someone or something, like a Fraternity or Sorority, for example, you are given OVER to that entity, and you turn away from the Lord Jesus Christ. Didn't the Lord warn you that He is a jealous God and He will not share? Here is the scripture if you have forgotten:

Exodus 20:5 - Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

Some of you are saying that 'Jesus never said that so that does not apply'. Wrong, Christian, it does apply, because the Lord Jesus Christ tells us in Scripture that He is one with His Father:

John 10:30 - I and my Father are one.

So what does that mean? That means that they are in perfect agreement with each other, so the things that apply to the Father ALSO apply to the Son.

'Oh SNAP!', you say.

Yep, if you turn away from Jesus, you turn away from His Father. His Father will NOT recognize you if you are NOT in His Son, and you become an enemy of God, Christian, because you will NOT acknowledge and follow His Son. Scripture tells us this:

James 4:4 - Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

We know that many of you are reading these truths for the very first time, and this is why these articles are being written. We also know that many of you are starting to think back to what you have said that has been against Jesus, and now you can see how serious it is to say things and just follow along blindly to what 'they' say.

We have gone through all of these gymnastics with this one word to show that you have to be careful of what you say or you will damn yourself. At the end of this article, we will help you get to Jesus whom you will need to get these curses you put on yourself off of you so you are free.



Here is Our Challenge to all of you:

We challenge you to go to Jesus directly **RIGHT NOW** and ask Him if what is shown here is true. Use this as a means to start a conversation with The Lord Jesus Christ and sit with Him and ask Him questions. Start with **(asking out loud):**

“Jesus, is what I just read true?”

He will answer you, Christian; use this as an opportunity to start the conversation with the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep talking with Him. Get to know Him and He will start to reveal Himself to you.

You need to find out for yourself if what you support or believe is true, and what better way to find out than to ask the Lord Himself? You need to find out for yourself and work out **YOUR** salvation for **YOU**, as the scriptures tell us to.