

Should We Follow
1 Peter 2:21
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Thesis: I want to show who and what we should follow.

Intro: 1. What spiritual leaders should we follow?
2. Can we follow traditions or should we only follow the Bible?

- I. Can we follow those close to us?
 - A. Can we follow our family members or friends (Mt 10:34-38)
 - 1. What does the tradition of our families stand for or support?
 - 2. Does our family accept all of God's laws?
 - B. Are those traditions right with God (Mt 15:1-9)?
 - 1. If we compare our family traditions with God's word, which one remains in the end?
 - 2. We must compare the entirety of God's law to our families; do they hold to all of the law?

- II. What about church leaders, can we follow them (2 Thess 3:7)?
 - A. Are the elders in our church setting the proper example?
 - 1. Are they worthy to be looked up to?
 - 2. Do they serve well in their position (Titus 1:10-14)?
 - B. Are the deacons in the church setting the proper example?
 - 1. Is there service, one that should be admired?
 - 2. Do they exhibit the love one should have for the service of the church.

- III. What happens when we follow the wrong people or path (2 Pt 2:2; 1 Tim 6:9-10)?
 - A. What happens when we follow the wrong people?
 - 1. We might follow their ideas?
 - 2. We might follow their traditions?
 - B. What happens when we follow the wrong doctrine?
 - 1. What happens when we follow error?
 - 2. What happens when we teach error?

Application & Conclusion:

- 1. Who can follow (Heb 13:7)?
- 2. Can we follow the leader appointed in the Bible (1 Pt 2:21)?
- 3. Full Invitation

God's plan for the alien sinner

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – Rev 2:10,

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9