

October Devotional: Who Follows Who, by Jerry Furniss

Have others influenced you? Do you “think” that you influence others? The “who” to both questions says a lot about who you are. But, more importantly, how you portray yourself, based on who you follow, says even more about you. Think about this:

“If you favor one person over another,
you’re sinning, and this law convicts you of being disobedient.”

(James 2:9)

Who follows you?

Are your kids defiant? Do they listen and obey? Do they follow your example? Children are like sponges. They soak up everything. Children imitate mostly their parents. “The apple doesn’t fall far from the tree,” right? Yes, but what about other people that influence our kids. Well, who allowed that? Yeah but, they have to be “in the world,” right? Yes, so be with them and review their experiences with them, to help them understand. Spend time with them. Use the Bible to help in explaining. Being a parent is a huge responsibility. But your example is not just for parenting. People that look up to you are also very impressionable and tend to reflect what they see in those that they respect. These people could be friends, co-workers, neighbors, spouses, or anyone. Think about whom you are influencing.

Who do you follow?

Nah, we are all grown up; we don’t follow anymore. Or do we? Are you a Methodist, Baptist, Catholic or what? Are you a Democrat or Republican? How did we get to where we are? Have you made any changes lately? Why or because of whom? What determined how these fell in our palette of colors? Let us all evaluate and understand the characteristics of those whom we follow, as we paint our life canvas.

By association, whoever you are following also influences whomever is following you. Who follows you? Who do you follow? These two pointed questions help identify the importance of who we are, and how we follow, as we paint the mural of our life, and others. If you are interested, come join us in Adult Sunday School for the ABC’s of Christianity. We are exploring the attributes that help identify us as “Christ Followers.” We are starting with “A:” Acknowledge, accept, & appreciate.

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