**Following Paul**

Introduction: **1 Corinthians 11.1** in telling the Corinthians to "follow" or "imitate him" as he followed Christ, Paul recognizes three truths.

1. Man is ; he is a follower

2. is the ultimate example to follow, **1 Peter 2.21**.

3. Following Christ is , I'm doing it, you can too, **Phil. 4.9**

**I) He Was A Man of**

**A) He always did what he "thought" was right, Acts 26.9,10.**

1. Notice, his conviction did not mean he was always right, but his conviction moved him to do what he thought was right. **Acts 23.1; 24.16; Galatians 1.13,14**.

2. When he was convinced that Jesus was the Son of God, he accepted him immediately, **Acts 9.5,6; 20-22; 26-29**.

**II) He Was A Man of**

**A) His was an act of faith, Acts 22.16.**

**B) Faith is something we study about, talk about, but its true character is seen when lived, Galatians 2.20.**

**III) He Had Singleness of**

**A) This "one thing I do", Phil. 3.13,14,** **Ecc. 12.13.**

**B) Paul's main purpose was to magnify Christ.**

**IV) He Endured and**

**A) We have a whole list of persecution faced by Paul, 1 Corinthians 4.11-13; 2 Cor. 11.23-30.**

**B) He considered his afflictions to be , Romans 8.18.**

1. How many of us would have considered those trials as being light.

2. Hopefully we won't every face those things but we need to be willing to endure.

**V) He Gave Up For Christ**

**A) He counted all things , Phil. 3.4-11.**

**B) He knew it was worth it, Mark 10.28-30.**

**VI) He Was Faithful To**

**A) He preached the truth that was needed, Acts 20.20.**

1. Not water it down or hold back from the truth.

2. Make it relevant to those listening.

**B) He " ", 2 Timothy 4.6,7.**

**VII) He Loved The Of The**

**A) He loved the souls of Jews and Gentiles. Romans 1.14-16.**

**B) He took the Great Commission seriously and personally, Matthew 28.19,20.**

Conclusion: Christ has not set the standard too high. Following Christ is "doable". We have seen in Paul these things worthy of following. Are you? Will you?