

## **1 Thessalonians 1**

**1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;**

**3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;**

**4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.**

## **1 Thessalonians 1 - continued**

**5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.**

**6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost.**

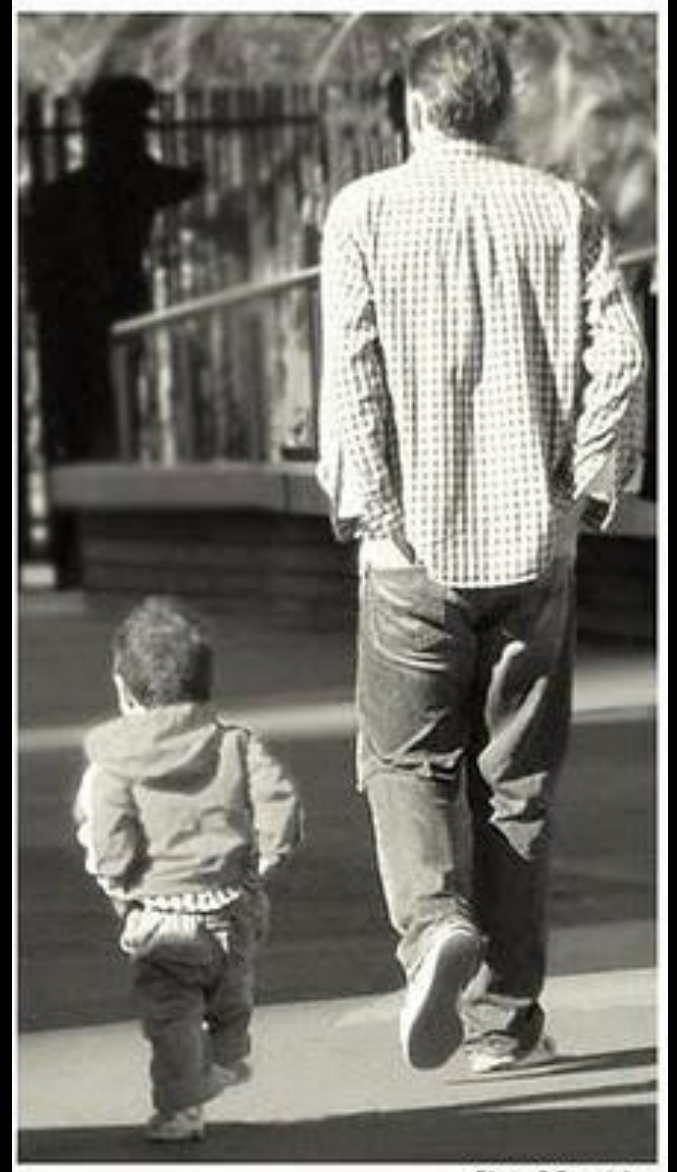
**7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.**

**8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.**

## **1 Thessalonians 1 - continued**

**9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;**

**10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.**





***A Follower To  
Be Followed***

# **I. Who Is A Good Follower To Be Followed?**

## **A. One Who Follows God**

### **Ephesians 5:1-2**

**1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;**

**2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.**

# **I. Who Is A Good Follower To Be Followed?**

**B. One who is a responsible example**

**1 Corinthians 4:15-17**

**15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.**

**16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.**

**17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.**



## **II. The Traits Of A Good Follower**

**A. One who works at being a follower**

**Hebrews 6:12**

**That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.**

**B. One who follows when it is not convenient**

**1 Thessalonians 1:6**

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## **II. The Traits Of A Good Follower**

**C. One who follows fearlessly**

**1 Peter 3:13-14**

**13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?**

**14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;**

# **III. The Church Should Set An Example To Be Followed**

## **A. The example set**

**1 Thessalonians 2:14**

**For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:**

# **III. The Church Should Set An Example To Be Followed**

## **B. The example followed**

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***What Kind Of An Example  
Are You?***

***What Kind Of An Example  
Is Our Church?***