

## *Followers vs. Disciples*

Followers and disciples:  
both are under  
a master;  
but followers require  
a leader,  
whereas disciples need  
a teacher.

A follower is a  
recruit,  
trained to take  
orders;  
a disciple is a  
pupil,  
intent on  
study.

A follower can get by  
with external  
guidance;  
a disciple is lost  
without interior  
illumination.

Followers come together  
to form a troop;  
the band of disciples  
is called a school.

Followers can lose  
their identity  
in the crowd;  
disciples affirm  
their personalities  
within the community.

Followers are easily swayed  
by forceful rhetoric;  
disciples must be convinced  
by cogent reasoning.

Not every follower  
will become a leader;  
but every disciple should  
strive to be a teacher.

The challenge, therefore,  
for Christians is:  
are we merely faithful  
followers of Christ,  
or are we also His  
devoted disciples?

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