RIDGEWOOD NOTES

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Just Follow the Pattern

Teamwork Can Change My Life (part 9)

Pattern yourselves after me,
as I imitate Christ
1 Corinthians 1:11 Amp

Examples - That's What the Church is For

❖ Find Friends to Follow With

17**Join with others** in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. Philippians 3:17 NIV

You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and sufferings
2 Timothy 3:10-11 ESV

❖ Feed What God Favors

18For, as I have often told you before and now say again **even with tears**, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. **Their mind is on earthly things.**
Philippians 3:18-19 NIV

So, since Christ suffered in the flesh for us, **arm yourselves** with the same thought and purpose [patiently to suffer rather than fail to please God]. ...Think of your sufferings as a weaning from that old sinful habit of always expecting to get your own way. Then you'll be able to live out your days free to **pursue what God wants instead of being tyrannized by what you want.** 1 Peter 4:1-2 Amp, Msg

❖ Define Myself Accurately

20But our **citizenship** is in heaven. Philippians 3:20 NIV

You are citizens along with all of God's holy people.
You are **members of God's family.** Ephesians 2:19 NLT

❖ Live Expectantly

And we **eagerly await** a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ 21who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Philippians 3:20-21 NIV

But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. **We will not all die, but we will all be transformed!** 52 It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. 53 For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. 1 Corinthians 15:51-53 NLT

My friends, I want you to follow my example
and learn from others who closely follow
the example we set for you.
Philippians 3:17 CEV

NIV - New International Version
NIrV - New International Readers' Version
NAS - New American Standard Bible
CEV - Contemporary English Version
GNB - Good News Bible
NLT - New Living Translation
Msg - The Message
LB - Living Bible
Amp - Amplified Bible
WSV - Word on the Street Version