



**“What Is That To Thee?
Follow Thou Me!”**

Personal Work

John 21:15-22

- “So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these? He said to Him, Yes, Lord; You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My lambs. 16 He said to him again a second time, Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me? He said to Him, Yes, Lord; You know that I love You. He said to him, Tend My sheep. 17 He said to him the third time, Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me? Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, Do you love Me? And he said to Him, Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You. Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep. 18 Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish. 19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, Follow Me.”

John 21:15-22

- “Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, Lord, who is the one who betrays You? 21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, But Lord, what about this man? 22 Jesus said to him, If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.”



PERSONAL

- Personal means just that... for the individual.
- New Testament instructions are not kept by proxy.
- We must bear one another's burdens and work together.

PERSONAL

- Eph. 4:11-16 - “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ--16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

PERSONAL

- Col. 4:5-6 - “Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. 6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”
- 1Peter 3:15 - “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear”

PERSONAL

- Gal. 6:10 - “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”
- Matt. 28:19-20 - “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.”

PERSONAL

- One Christian cannot allow another to do his work for him and still expect to receive a reward in heaven for work he did not do himself.
 - 2Cor. 5:10 - “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”
 - Rom. 14:10-12 - “But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 11 For it is written: As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God. 12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.”

WORK

- It is work. Why else would God prepare heaven as a place of rest?
- It is not complex or arcane; it simply requires that we exert ourselves and expend our resources of time, energy, and money.

“But, What Can I Do?!”

- Discuss the word of God with friends and acquaintances in your homes.
- Give a tract to someone, thereby sparking his interest and affording you an opportunity to teach.
- Show others that you are happy with your life as a Christian.
- Invite the storekeeper, mailman, paperboy, meter reader to services; make yourself available for transportation.
- Write a sincere letter telling others of your concern for their spiritual state. Everyone loves mail.
- Pick up the phone to show interest in a weak member.

“But, What Can I Do?!”

- Call friends about gospel meetings or special lessons.
- Gathering neighborhood children in your home to watch Bible videos or for home Bible classes.
- Send five personal invitations to announce the gospel meeting.
- Develop teaching skills by volunteering to help with the scheduled Bible classes.
- Warmly greet and welcome visitors.
- Teach your own family; have Bible studies in your home for your spouse and children.



WORK

- These are things everyone can do, but they involve work.
- How many people will the Lord reward with heaven? Those who work for it.
- Do not discriminate; do not screen people for the Lord.

TOOLS

■ A Godly Life

- 1Tim. 4:12, 16 - “Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 16 Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.”

TOOLS

■ An Honest Desire To See Souls Saved

- Rom. 9:1-3 - “I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, 2 that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh”



TOOLS

■ Love For Souls

- Rom. 10:1 - “Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.”

TOOLS

■ A Knowledge Of The Truth

- 2Peter 1:2-4 - “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

TOOLS

■ Deep Faith

- Mark 11:23 - “For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.”



TOOLS

- **Courage To Stand For The Truth**

- Jude 3 - “Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”



TOOLS

■ Integrity

- 1Peter 4:11 - “If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God...”

PERSONAL WORK

- Jesus said of Peter's interest in John's future:
"What is that to thee? Follow thou me."
- What are YOU doing to enlarge the Kingdom of God?
 - 2Kings 6:24 - 7:9