

Following From The Fringe

Mark 14:27-31; 54; 66-72

*If I'm Saved, Born Again, Delivered from sin & Heaven Bound, I must Ask Myself...
"Am I Following Jesus?" (Matthew 7:13-14; 21)*

Being a Follower is NOT an Option for One who's been Truly Saved.

Following Jesus Stems From our Relationship with Him.

Bad Things happen when we "Follow From The Fringe."

1. AREAS OF YOUR LIFE ARE LEFT UNGUARDED.

- You may begin FLIRTING with "small" sins that Lead to "larger" sins.
- An Occasional sin may become a more Frequent sin...
- A frustrating CYCLE of sin may Develop.
- You may LOSE Courage & begin Doubting or worse, GIVE UP.
- You may become Overly PRIDEFUL. ("Take Heed lest you Fall")

2. YOUR LIFE IS MARKED BY PRAYERLESSNESS.

- To Overcome Temptation, you must "Keep Watching and PRAYING"
- Already Praying? PRAY More...
- The disciples didn't Pray much in the Gospels BUT in ACTS it was Almost Constant...
- There is POWER in PRAYER!

3. YOU BECOME INSENSITIVE TO WARNING SIGNS OF SIN.

- The FIRST CROW was a WAKE-UP CALL (warning sign) & Peter Missed it!
- Often, we Sense Changes need to be made but we Ignore it.
- Don't ignore Warning Signs...we NEED to HEED!
- If you Can Repeatedly Miss "Quiet Times," you're probably "Following From The Fringe"

4. BUT NEVER FORGET THAT GOD LOVES YOU.

- Jesus is Never Satisfied with us Following From The Fringe.
- Every Christian should have One Primary GOAL: STAY CLOSE TO GOD. (James 4:8)

- The church must **Remember** God LOVES **People** in spite of **Their Failures...**
- ***In Matthew 7:21***, Jesus says some **“Church People”** are **Following From The Fringe.**
- If we’re **SERVING** God **HALF-Heartedly** OR **NOT at all...**We’re **NOT Following Him.**