

Who Are You Following?

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

Don't follow a leader just because they are confident

"Since many boast according to the flesh, I too will boast." (2 Corinthians 11:18)

"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.'" (Luke 18:10-11)

Don't follow a leader just because they have credentials

"Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one . . ." (2 Corinthians 11:22-23)

"I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." (Luke 18:12)

Don't follow a leader just because they have crowds

"And apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety of all the churches." (2 Corinthians 11:28)

"But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'" (Luke 18:13)

Don't follow a leader just because they have charisma

"If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness." (2 Corinthians 11:30)

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14)