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A New Identity

"Disciples of Jesus, not only Church members....A New Identity"

(a) As Jesus was walking along he saw Levi, sitting at the tax booth and Jesus said to him, "Follow me" and he got up and followed Jesus."

(b) A certain man said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go". And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me". But the man replied, "Let me first go and bury my father."

(c) Another said, "I will follow you Lord; but let me say farewell to those at home."

(d) To another Jesus said, " If you want to be perfect, go sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven; then come follow me". When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving for he had many possessions."

(e) Jesus turned to the crowds and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not love me more than father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes even life itself, cannot be my disciple."

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