



Colossians 3:2

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.



Psalms 1:1-2

¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.



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**Abiding in the
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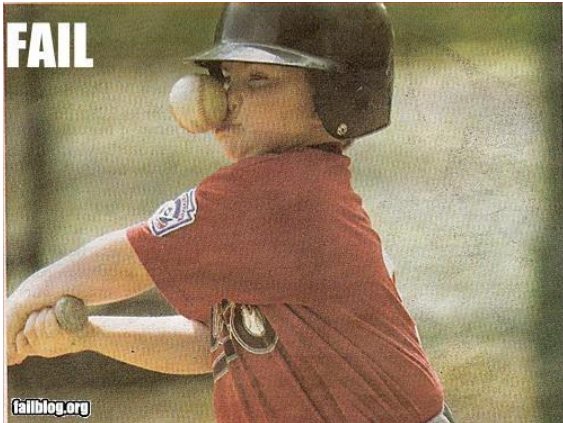
Follow Me!



Matthew 16:24

Then Jesus said to his disciples,
“Whoever wants to be my disciple
must deny themselves and take up
their cross and follow me.”





Proverbs 4:25

Let your eyes look straight ahead;
fix your gaze directly before you.



Matthew 6:33

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.



Isaiah 26:3

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.



Hebrews 2:1

We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.



Philippians 3:13b

...But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,



Luke 9:51, 62

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”



1 John 2

²⁸ And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

²⁹ If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.



1 John 3

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.



1 John 3

But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.



Steps for Following...

1. Continue – ch.2:28

“And now, dear children, continue”



Steps for Following...

2. Know him – ch. 3:2

*“The reason the world does not know us is that it did not **know** him...But we **know**”*



Matthew 9:9

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.



Following leads to Fruit



Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.



Abiding begins with Following



Following leads to Focusing



***Focusing leads to
Becoming***



***Becoming leads to
Loving
(as Christ loved)***