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*“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”* - 1 Corinthians 11:1

*“Be imitators of God, just as dearly loved children.”* - Ephesians 5:1

*“You became imitators of us, and so you became a model to all the believers in your area.”* - 1 Thessalonians 1:6,7

*“Don’t be lazy, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what was promised.”* - Hebrews 6:12

### 1. A COMMAND

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*“Follow my example...”* - 1 Corinthians 11:1

#### 2. A Limit.

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#### 3. A Light.

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*“You are the light of the world.”* - Jesus, Matthew 5:14

*“Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”* - Jesus, Matthew 5:16

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### 2. A COMPANY

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- Philippians 3:17-20

### 3. A COMMITMENT

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### HOW DO WE SHOW OUR CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE?

*We show it...*

- in the home, by love and unselfishness.
- in business, by honesty and diligence.
- in society, by purity, courtesy, and humility.
- to the unfortunate, by sympathy and mercy.
- to the weak, by helpfulness and patience.
- to the wicked, by overcoming evil without compromise.
- to the strong, by trust and cooperation with good.
- to non-Christians, by witnessing Christ and his gospel.
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- to God, by reverence, love and obedience.

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