**Ten things that are necessary to follow Jesus.**

1. **Power and authority Luke 9:1-2**

**Dunamis**-strength power, ability, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature

**Exousia**-the power of rule or government (the power of him whose will and commands must be submitted to by others and obeyed)

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“Authority is a tremendous thing in the universe, nothing overshadows it. God's throne is established on His authority. God's authority represents God Himself. God alone is authority in all things; all the authorities of the earth are instituted by God. It is therefore important for us who desire to serve God to know the authority of God. God's authority is absolute, hence we must give Him absolute submission ( our heart's attitude ) and absolute obedience ( our outward actions ). “

Only when we submit ourselves to God's authority are we able to represent God. Hence there is much we have to learn about how to represent God.

1. **Faith,** (God will provide) **Luke 9:3-5**

**Matthew 11: 29-30 MSG** “*Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”*

**Do you have a spiritual mentor?**

**Who are you leading?**

1. **Heart of thanks** (for His provision) **Luke 9:10-17**

God’s power on display.

1. **Understanding** (Who do you say I am?) **Luke 9:18-20** We must get to know Jesus so we can answer this question.
2. **Sacrifice** (We must die daily.) **Luke 9:21-27** Love is selfless. It is not thinking less of myself but thinking of myself less.

**Disciple**, learner or pupil

**Deny,** to forget oneself, lose sight of one's self and one's own interests

**Take up their cross daily**, The cross was an instrument of death.

1. **Ears to hear** (“This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him) **Luke 9:28-36** Listen with a desire to hear and understand so we can obey and bear fruit.
2. **Believe** (Jesus is always faithful, he will do what he said he will do.) **Luke 9:37-42** Growing in our faith, trusting Jesus. He is always faithful. He will do what he says he will do
3. **Humility** (Come to him as a child, humble and trusting.) **Luke 9: 43-50** Not childish, but child-like faith.
4. **Resolve** (resolute in our purpose to do God’s will.) **Luke 9:51-56** Resolve despite the coming circumstances. “I will follow you wherever you go.” Delayed obedience is really just disobedience.
5. **Focus** (Walk with Jesus and don’t look back.) **Luke 9:57-62** A distracted follower will not have a strong faith. Count the cost, then don’t look back.