

*Three tests of followership: obedience,
submission, loyalty*

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God makes no leaders ... He makes

followers ... followers make leaders. It's important we understand the three tests a follower will face on his journey to becoming qualified to lead.

First, a follower must obey. People normally only obey those whom they want to obey or are forced to obey. The second test involves submission. Submission demands we yield our strength and support to those leading us when we do not have to, and would not naturally want to, obey. Finally, a follower must be loyal. Loyalty is the show of support for the leader's decision and is the shining crown and greatest reflection of a person's character. Loyalty is demonstrated by what a person says and how a person acts when following requires submission.

Prayer for Today

Father, help me to be a great follower. Forgive me for my past disobedience to those in authority over me, my lack of submission to those I have disagreed with, and my disloyal conduct displayed in my attitude and response when having to submit. I thank You for Your grace and power to help me be a follower and a blessing to the leaders in my life.

Scriptures for Today

Hebrews 13:7, 17 Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the Word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. (NKJV)

Colossians 3:22 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye service, as manpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God. (KJV)