

# IT IS NOT HARD TO FOLLOW CHRIST

ALL IT TAKES IS ALL WE 'VE GOT!

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It is not hard to follow Christ. It is impossible.

It is not hard to follow Christ. But it takes ALL WE'VE GOT!

It is not hard to follow Christ. It just consumes all our, time, all our energy, thoughts, decisions, goals, passions, fun [*lots of fun*], work, and free time.

\* As someone once said, "The godly life requires being so blooming consistent."

It is not hard to follow Christ. We use Somebody else's divine strength as we follow Him.

It is not hard to follow Christ. Logging time "walking in the Spirit" makes the road seem easier, even when it does not actually get easier.

It is not hard to follow Christ. His friendship is tight. His loyalty to us is unflinching. His awareness of how we're feeling is unbelievable. His pace is just our speed [*but He'll ramp it up as fast as we can go!*]

It is not hard to follow Christ. We are simply servants, stewards who follow someone else's orders. We don't have to make the choices. We can follow blindly, under any conditions, no matter how confused we are, regardless how absurd others think we are, without a bit of hesitancy, at all ages of life or levels of knowledge.

It is not hard to follow Christ. Pain comes. Disappointment sneaks around the corner. Temptations blindsides us. That's life. That's family. Jesus had a family. Jesus lived in a town like ours. He had friends at the synagogue. And neighbors let Him down, too.

It is not hard to follow Christ. He understands whatever is bugging us right now.

It is not hard to follow, and we become more comfortable each year, because we learn to expect the unexpected. We gain a lot of confidence through past experiences, that He will straighten our paths. We get used to victory in our walk with Christ. We don't take it for granted, but we do take it in stride.

It is not hard to follow Christ. And when we look back at our bumpy parts of the journey, it looks smooth as silk.

\* Why did we ever vacillate, deliberate, linger, or waver?

It is not hard to follow Christ. It is exuberantly joyful, magnificently rewarding, unexplainably satisfying, and completely gratifying. It leaves no empty spots in life.

It is not hard to follow Christ. We've got an instruction manual. Just read and follow the directions.

It is not hard to follow to Christ. The instructions are clear [*though challenging*]. The purpose is supremely important. The Holy Spirit is always present to explain.

It is not hard to follow Christ. We pull in a yoke with Him and He does most of the pulling.

Resting in Him is a learning process. Let's all grow.

**Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me;  
for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.  
For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.**

Matt 11.29,30

The only hard part about being a Christian is trying to do it alone.

What parts of life do we view as hard? We must learn to find our rest in Him.

It is not hard to follow Christ — but it is really hard when we don't put our necks in the Lord's yoke.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,  
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,  
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources  
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure,  
His power no boundary known unto men;  
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus  
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again

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