

WEIGHT OF THE WORLD
“Follow the Leader” Pt 4

1. IDENTIFICATION: Know who you are.

“I am ...the Light of the world... the Son of God...the Way, the Truth and the Life...the Bread of life...” (Jn. 8:12, Mk. 14:62, Jn 14:6, Jn 6:35)

“I testify on my own behalf.” John 8:18 (TEV)

Two traps that keep you from knowing your identity. Copying and comparing

2. MOTIVATION: Know what you’re living for.

“I am not trying to do what I want, but only what my Father who sent me wants.”
John 5:30 (TEV)

“I always do those things that are pleasing to Him.” John 8:29 (NLT)

“No one can serve two masters...” Luke 16:13(NIV)

3. VOCATION: Know your calling.

“...I know where I came from and where I am going.” John 8:14 (NIV)

“A person who has doubts is thinking about two different things at the same time and can’t make up his mind about anything.” James 1:8 (GW)

“I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.” Eph. 4:1 (NIV)

4. CONCENTRATION: Focus on what matters most.

“As the time drew near for his return to heaven, he moved steadily onward toward Jerusalem with an iron will.” Luke 9:51 (LB)

“Anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work I plan for him is not fit for the Kingdom of God.” Luke 9:62 (LB)

“We are free to do anything but not all things are helpful or profitable or wholesome or constructive to your character and spiritual life.” 1 Cor. 10:23 (Amplified)

5. 5. MEDITATION: Listen to God.

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.” Mark 1:35 (NIV)

“News about Jesus spread even more. Crowds came to hear him and to be healed...but Jesus often slipped away to be alone so he could pray.” Luke 5:15-16 (NCV)

“Plant your roots in Christ and let him be the foundation for your life.” Col. 2:7 (CEV)

6. COLLABORATION: Join a small group.

“He appointed twelve – designating them apostles – that they might be with him...”

Mark 3:14 (NIV)

“Jesus said to them, ‘My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.’” Matt. 26:38 (NIV)

7. RECREATION: Take time to recharge.

“Crowds of people were coming and going so that they did not even have time to eat. He said to them, ‘Come away by yourselves, and we’ll go to a lonely place to get some rest.’”

Mark 6:31 (NCV)

“Jesus came enjoying life...” Matt. 11:19 (Ph)

SALVATION

“Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle, and you will find rest for your souls.” Matt. 11:28-29 (NLT)