

FOLLOW ME

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John 21:18-22(NIV) ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

²⁰ Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved (**Who’s the author of this book, he’s writing about himself?**) was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is going to betray you?”) ²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, “Lord, what about him?” (**He the pet the favorite**)

²² Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? **You must follow me.**”

1. Follow Me regardless of **personal destiny.**
2. Follow Me regardless of the **destiny of others.**

Follow me!

It all boils down to **love, trust and obedience.** And the truth is, it all goes back to LOVE. **LOVE is the most powerful force on this earth.**

People steal, they kill, commit suicide, stalk and lose all sense of reasoning because of love –whether pure and impure, **Love is a controlling dominate factor of our daily life.**

Remember when you first fell in love? ----with your spouse of course.

Did you have a favorite love song?

Everyone has a favorite love song. **What's yours?** What is your favorite love song? **I put together a Top 10 List from the staff of all-time favorite love songs.**

See if you remember the next line in the song and let's see if your favorite song is on this list. Now don't permit these secular songs to offend you – I am making a spiritual point with them so stay with me. This is very quick, see how many you know.

Ready?

VIDEO OF SONGS

10. Unforgettable – Nat King Cole/Natalie Cole
9. I Cross My Heart – George Strait
8. Everything I Do – Bryan Adams
7. Ain't No Mountain High Enough – Diana Ross
6. My Heart Will Go On – Celine Dion
5. Unchained Melody – Righteous Brothers
4. When a Man Love a Woman – Michael Bolton
3. Love Me Do – Beatles
2. Love ME Tender – Elvis Presley
1. I'll Always Love You – Whitney Houston

Did you remember these songs?

Did you remember the next line in the song?

Now I'm going to give you **the 10 bible verses on love** from the staff and some I picked at random. I want you to take a look at these verses and see if you know any of the verses around these – **either before or after**

See if you recognize these verses.

10. **1 John 4:19(NKJV)** We love Him **because** He first loved us.
9. **1 Peter 4:8 (NKJV)** And above all things have fervent love for one another, for **"love will cover a multitude of sins."**
8. **Jeremiah 31:3 (NKJV)** The LORD has appeared of old to me, *saying*: " Yes, I have loved you with an **everlasting love**; Therefore with **lovingkindness** I have drawn you.
7. **1 John 4:7 (NKJV)** Beloved, let us **love one another, for love is of God**; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
6. **1 John 3:16(NKJV)** By this we know love, **because He laid down His life for us**. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.
5. **1 Corinthians 13:13 (NKJV)** And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; **but the greatest of these is love**.
4. **Romans 5:8 (NKJV)** But God **demonstrates** His own love toward us, in that while we were **still** sinners, Christ died for us.
3. **John 15:13 (NKJV)** Greater love has **no one than this**, than to **lay down one's life** for his friends.
2. **Mark 12:30-31 (NKJV)** *And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*' This is the first commandment ³¹ And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall **love your neighbor as yourself.**' There is no other commandment greater than these."

1. **John 3:16 (NKJV)** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. No hands.

How many of you recognize all these verses? Do you know the verse before and after these verses?

Now how many of you knew all the love songs?

Do we know secular love songs better than we know the lover of our soul who gave his life for us?