

Examples of Pursuing Christ

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3 Questions of Application:

1. Are you pursuing Christ in a way that serves as a pattern for others to follow?

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