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I think it is interesting how we've learned to live this Christian walk. For the most part someone taught us a set of principles we ought to believe and things we ought to do. Then we try to wrap our heads around it. And then we try to do those things to the best of our ability.

When we reflect on how few people we have brought to faith in Jesus and how miserably we have done as Christians, we want to see Christianity as less performance-oriented. We want it to be something more of life in the spirit and spontaneous. But if this is attainable we need a radically different set of beliefs.

The questions about 'how to' live in the new way are endless. The problem is that we want to figure it all out before we even start on the journey. And there's just no way to figure it all out first. Jesus didn't give us a plan to follow. And God didn't give Abraham a destination when He told Abe to get up and go. Imagine that!

Jesus didn't give His disciples commands to follow except one. "Love each other like I love you!" He also said, "I'm going to give you My Spirit and He will lead you into all truth (and life). That's in John 16. Yet in our day we've assumed that we're going to get truth if we follow the right pastor, author, or guru. Or we're going to follow Him by following the scriptures. And as valuable as the scriptures are, without tuning in to the Holy Spirit, we misinterpret them. And they're not our way to follow him because unfortunately we end up misinterpreting the scriptures. The scriptures are great until we start misinterpreting them and then they're a bit of a mess.