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* vs 19 ‘...follow me...’ not follow the legalistic rules, but follow Him (the way, the truth , the life)--
Colossians 1: 16-18--...preeminence (make Christ the center of my life)--Have a consistent ,
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*vs 20 ...straightway left their nets, and followed Him.
vs 22...immediately...followed Him.