

“What is a Disciple?”

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“Webster's definition of a disciple is "a pupil or follower of any teacher or school." [i] A true disciple is not just a student or a learner, but a follower: one who applies what he has learned. Thus, a true disciple will ask, "What would Jesus do?"”

1. A disciple is someone who answers the call of Christ! John 3:3, Matthew 4:18-22

19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. 20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.-- Revelation 3:19-20

A. Jesus' call is extended to all, but only His disciples answer it!

B.) Christ calls His disciples to a new life! They are to leave the old one behind!

C.) We are called to follow Him!

2. A disciple is someone who answers the call to come and die! (Luke 9:23-27, Colossians 2:6-15, Romans 12:2, Matthew 19:16-22)

A. A disciple is someone who denies themselves, and dies daily to their flesh!

B. They realize there is no longer profit or joy in living for themselves!

c.) They are rooted and have their foundation in Christ!

D.) A disciple freely gives and surrenders what his master asks for!

3.) A disciple of Christ listens and obeys the words of Christ! (2 Timothy 3:16-17, James 1:19-27; Matthew 7:24)

A.) A disciple allows the word of God to change and transform their hearts and lives!

B.) A disciple of Christ doesn't just give God lip service, but they put their words into action!

C.) A disciple of Christ had their life built on a firm foundation.

4.) A disciple of Christ will bear fruit of Christ! (Galatians 5:16-26)

A.) They don't seek to gratify their flesh but Christ!

B.) They walk in step and are filled with the Spirit!

C.) They produce fruit that honors God!

D.) *They walk in humility before God!*

Closing Questions!

1. What did God call you from?
2. What is He calling you to?
3. Do you allow Him to be Lord of your life?
4. Can you see the fruit of spiritual growth in your life?