

## What Is a Disciple?: 3 Goals of Following Jesus

### What Is Discipleship? (more on this later)

Matt 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matt 10:24-25 <sup>24</sup> A disciple is not above *his* teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. ...If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *will they call* those of his household! (cp 1 John 2:6)

1 Tim 4:6-7 <sup>6</sup> If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. <sup>7</sup> But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness.

### 1. A Disciple is a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

#### ☛ God wants me to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ His Word.

John 8:30-36 <sup>30</sup> As He spoke these words, many believed in Him. <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. <sup>32</sup> And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* you say, 'You will be made free'?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. <sup>35</sup> And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. <sup>36</sup> Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

#### □ Observations (30-31):

- Belief is not \_\_\_\_\_ to discipleship. (Eph 2:8-9)
- Condition: "\_\_\_\_\_ you abide in My Word..."
- Effect: *lit.* "truly disciples of Me you are"

#### □ Definition (31b):

- Discipleship = \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### □ Results (32):

- Result #1: \_\_\_\_\_ of the Truth!
- Result #2: \_\_\_\_\_ from Sin through the Truth!

#### □ Focus: My relationship to God's \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. A Disciple Is a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

#### ☛ God wants me to \_\_\_\_\_ to & to \_\_\_\_\_ for believers.

John 13:34-35 <sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

#### □ Observations:

- Command: \_\_\_\_\_ One Another [*Is this new? Lev 19:18*]
- Comparison: The \_\_\_\_\_ of our love is... (v.34)
- Condition: "\_\_\_\_\_ you have love for one another."
- Effect: "All will \_\_\_\_\_ that you are \_\_\_\_\_ disciples."

#### □ Definition (35):

- Discipleship = \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.

#### □ Results:

- Result #1: \_\_\_\_\_ → Unconditional Care
- Result #2: \_\_\_\_\_ → Supernatural Evidence

#### □ Focus: My Relationship to God's \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. A Disciple Is a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

#### ☛ God wants me to \_\_\_\_\_ & to \_\_\_\_\_ godly conduct.

John 15:5-16 <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. <sup>9</sup> "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. <sup>12</sup> This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

#### □ Observations:

- We are to bear much fruit ("fruit" 8x in vv. 1-17!)

#### □ Result: God Is Glorified (huh?)

#### □ Definition (8):

- Discipleship = \_\_\_\_\_ Much \_\_\_\_\_

#### □ Focus: My relationship to God's \_\_\_\_\_.