

Five Practices of a Mature and Obedient Follower of Jesus

Mt 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ "Go therefore and *make disciples* of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ "*teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you*; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

AS A MATURE AND OBEDIENT FOLLOWER OF JESUS, I AM:

1. Diligently _____ God

a. Seeking His _____

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

b. Seeking His _____ & _____

Matt 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

c. Seeking His _____

2 Cor 5:9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. (cf. Col 1:10)

2. Continually _____ on God's Word

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Col 3:16a Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom...

a. _____ God's Word

b. _____ God's Word

c. _____ on God's Word

d. _____ God's Word (Eph 4:11-16; Heb 5:14)

e. _____ God's Word

3. Regularly _____ to God

Col 1:9-12 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

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a. For _____ to God

b. For _____ from God

c. For _____ needing God's care

d. For _____ towards God

4. Willingly _____ to God's Leaders

Rom 13:1-7 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

a. Obeying _____

Eph 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

b. Trusting and Submitting to _____

Heb 13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

c. Honoring _____ Laws and Leaders

1 Pet 2:13-17 Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men--¹⁶ as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. ¹⁷ Honor all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

d. Obeying _____

Col 3:22 Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.

5. Consistently _____ with God's People

Heb 3:12-13 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; ¹³ but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Heb 10:24-25 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

a. To _____ others

b. To be _____ by others

c. For mutual _____

d. For essential _____