

Design of Discipleship: The Goals of Discipleship (Part 3)

- 1. To encourage you to put God before all other relationships**
Luke 14:26 If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.
- 2. To help you to become grounded in the Word, and guarded against the world**
1 John 2:14 ... I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one. (cf. Col 2:6-8)
- 3. To encourage you to allow God to direct your life's path, and to govern your thoughts**
Luke 14:27 And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. (cf. Prov 3:5-6)
- 4. To equip you for ministry, and edify you to maturity, not to entertain you with amusements**
Eph 4:11-12 And He Himself gave some ... pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,
- 5. To encourage you to pursue holiness, not happiness**
1 Pet 1:13-16 ... but as He who called you [is] holy, you also be holy in all [your] conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."
- 6. To encourage you toward selflessness, and away from selfishness**
1 John 3:16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. (cf. Phil 2:3-8)
- 7. To encourage you toward adulthood, and away from childishness**
1 Cor 13:11 – When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. (cf. Eph 4:13-15)
- 8. To encourage you to be living the truth, not just knowing the truth (orthopraxy vs. orthodoxy)**
Col 2:6-7 – As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught... (cf. Heb 5:12 – 6:2)
- 9. To prepare you for difficult times in your life and in your lifetime**
2 Thes 1:4 – so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,
2 Tim 3:11-12 – persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra--what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. (cf. Acts 8:1; Luke 8:13; James 1:2; 1 Pet 1:6)
- 10. To encourage you toward spirituality and purity, not carnality and sensuality**
1 Thes 4:3-6 – For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. (cf. Lu 8:14; 1 Cor 2:13-3:4; 6:18-20; Eph 4:17-24; Col 3:5-6; 1 Tim 5:1-2)

11. To help you find consistent _____ over the _____, the _____, and the _____

1 John 2:14 I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

12. To encourage you to seek the _____, not the _____

Col 3:1-2 – If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Heb 11:24-26 – By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

1 John 2:15-17

1 John 2:28 – 3:3 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when¹ He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.²⁹ If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.^{3:1} Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us², because it did not know Him.² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

13. To challenge you to live for _____ rather than _____

Matt 16:24-28 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."²⁵ "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."²⁶ "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"²⁷ "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works."²⁸ "Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

Gal. 6:7-9 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.