

What Is a Disciple?

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What Is A Disciple?

What Is (and is not) A Disciple?

NOTE: Judas, John 6:66, Matthew 7:21-23

Luke 6:40: Defines a Disciple

"A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher."

Acts 11: 26 = ...*The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.*

Key Q: So... are you a disciple/follower in the light of **Luke 6:40**?

How Do I Become a Disciple?

**Creator God*

John 6:44:

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

**Sin*

Genesis 3

Romans 3:23 & 6:23

**Miracle:*

2 Corinthians 5:17:

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

**Gospel:*

2 Corinthians 5:21:

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Repentance:

Matthew 4:17:

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

*Grace by Faith***Ephesians 2:8-10:**

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; **9** not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*

Follow(er):

Matthew 4:19-20:

19 *And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you*

fishers of men.” 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

The Lord of Grace

Lordship:

Romans 10:9:

“...if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;”

Doulos / Disciple:

Romans 1:1:

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

Owner / Obedience:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20:

“...do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? 20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.”

It All Comes Down to Love

“All-In”

“Love God, Love People, Serve the World”

Matthew 22:37-40:

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“All your heart”

John 14:15:

“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”

Love obeys God’s commands

Count the Cost

Discipleship (a.k.a. Christianity) is a divinely empowered life & life-style that is imperfectly, but passionately committed to Christ-likeness.

Luke 14:25-27:

25 Now large crowds were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them, 26 "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

People
Priorities
Personal Cross-Carrying
Perseverance

QUESTION: WHAT IS A TRUE, BIBLICAL, CHRIST-IAN DISCIPLE?

ANSWER:

Miraculous, Christ-like, "works-in-progress."

Miracle

Messiah

Mission

Acts 9:10

Ananias - picture of obedient D... Note the miracle, Messiah, & mission

FOUND

FILLED

FOLLOW

Matthew 28:18-20 *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

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AD

John 11:7-8

(J goes back...even tho they intend to stone Him... D's saw & shadowed J in His unwavering commitment to find the lost & grow the found;

* NOTE: Disciples die!

See John the Baptist... Lazarus, Peter, Paul, Stephen, etc.

Know

Grow

Go

Glorification

Edification

Evangelization

Truth

In

Love

John 8:31-32 =

...***"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."***

Head

Heart

Hands

MAKE d's

Mature d's

Multiply d's

Ekklesia

In

Koinonia

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, 8 so we cared for you.

Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

PATTERN = Love, Serve, Truth, Community.

Default

Defined

Deployed

Side-show

Savior

Shadow

Donkey

Majestic Stallion

Mule

Ephesians 1:3-6

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, **4** just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love **5** He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, **6** to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us*

Ruin	Redemption	Relationship
Hate	Love	Live
Deaf	Hear	Tell
Blind	See	Describe

John 20:25 – 26

Thomas, the "doubting-D." It is important to note that God shows us the "instance" of T's doubt but NOT a persistence doubt... Bouts with doubt are one thing, but when doubting & pouting persist as our primary pattern of living... both life & love are lost in the haze of "Informed insecurity." Such situations are the most difficult & draining to minister to because those perpetually doubting people know enough Truth to know they ought not doubt The Lord, worse yet, they know their brand of ever present, pessimistic doubt is a damning disease of the heart... that the devil uses to distort & destroy... Persistent doubt is antithetical to saving faith... The first is life-denying, and second, by the grace of God, is life-delivering -- eternal-life delivering! - Amen.

Aloof	Arrested	Applied
Rain	Reservoir	River
Wrong	Right	Righteous
Cancer	Cure	Care-Giver

Acts 20:17-32

(Paul warns of wolves "amongst" disciples & elders);

Filthy

Clean

Conduit

John 13:22

(Jesus washes Disciple's feet... sets THE Example for ALL disciples)

Dead

Alive

Living

Mundane

Marvelous

Movement

Dark

Light

Shadow

Commence

Commit

Complete

Matthew 16:24-25

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it."

Facts

Faith

Family

Spirit-dead

Spirit-fed

Spirit-led

Acts 14:19-23

19 *Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. **20** But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.*

Black

White

Color

Old

New

Re-newed

Wicked

Worship

Walk

Matthew 23:1-3

*(REJECT HYPOCRISY) = Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: **2** "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. **3** So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.*

Touched

Turn

Triumph

John 19:38

(Joseph of Aramethea shows us that at times D's can be fearful and less than bold... while not ideal or in any way virtuous, timidity does not disqualify D's (cf. 2 Timothy 1:6-7);

Gory

Holy

Glory

John 15:8

*"By this My Father is **glorified**, that you bear much fruit & so prove to BE My disciples."*

Invite

Inform

Inspire

Seed

Feed

Lead

Acts 6:2-4

*the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. **3** Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them **4** and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."*

Sick

Healed

Healthy

John 9:28

(see both a pre-regenerate D that is on his way, which is an important dynamic to validate & grasp... See also the puffed up and "Impressive" institutionalized, LOST D's of Moses (aka the organized, self-righteous option of religious rituals);

Dark

Light

Lamps

John 12:16

(His D's did not understand..." until later after He was glorified...
We will have times of lesser and greater enlightenment;

Were-not

ARE

Will-always-be

Disobedient
Sinner

Obedient
Sinner

Obedience
Teacher

Flicker

Flame

Fire!

John 2:17

(at Temple cleansing/clearing-D's "remember... Zeal for Your house
will consume me" THUS, D's saw, see, & shadow a Christ-like zeal
for "house" of God);

Associate

Incarnate

Duplicate

John 21:15-19

Peter told by J to "Feed My sheep" 3X... THEN, Peter is told that he will die
a difficult death (in direct relationship - if not result of) feeding Christ's sheep...
THEN Note: Jesus' next words to REPEAT Christ's FIRST words to P: "FOLLOW
Me!" (...thus Christ explicitly calls D Peter to "feed & follow" unto and until Death...
Knowing this standard exists (cf. Lk. 9:23) do you "want to "BE" a D of J the
Christ?

Fish

Fixed

Fisher

Information

Transformation

Dedication

John 4:33-4

(D's worry about food for J BUT He says: "My food is to do the will
of the One who sent Me and to ACCOMPLISH His WORK);

Chaos

Christ

Conflict

John 6:60-66

"...and many D's followed Him no more" = false D's...
insufficient surface and superficial faith!

Harlot

Hosea

"Home"

No!

Yes.

Amen!

Saul

Jesus

Paul

1 Thessalonians 1:4-10

For we know, **brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5** because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction... **6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. 7** And so **you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere...** They tell how **you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.**

Lost

Found

Finding

2 Timothy 2...

Disciples are to live & love like *athletes/soldiers/farmers!*

"Disciples are willing to sacrifice everything BUT
the gospel... FOR the gospel."

Love-less

Love

Lovers

John 13:35

"By this they will know that you are My D's, by your love for one another"
– cf. John 17:21;

Mess

Messiah

Messenger

T/S: Key Q:
What might following Jesus cost you?
What might be holding you back from fully following?

CLOSE/Summary:

Love God

Love People

Serve World

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ALL-out

ALL-in

ALL-over!

"Bacon & Eggs" (The BRIDGE is the bacon! – BBF)

Prayer.