



When are we disciples? The word "disciple" comes from the same root word "discipline", which has as one of its meanings, "training that develops both self-control and character."

What, then, is Christian discipleship? Perhaps the best definition is this: Self-training on the part of a believer in the Lord Jesus; A training that develops self- control, love, and Christian character.

Every believer has the obligation to become a disciple, constantly learning about the ways of the Lord and continually putting into practice those things that he or she has learned.

READY TO GO!

Begin today by praying for God's guidance. I Corinthians 2:13 tells us that godly wisdom is learned through the words of the Holy Spirit: The Bible. Through prayer we can assure ourselves of profitable study as the Holy Spirit gives us godly wisdom.

Before beginning your study please read the following passages of Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 1:14-17; Ephesians 4:11-32; John 12:21-50.

Answer the following questions using your own words (use extra paper if necessary).

1) What did Christian discipleship mean to Paul? (Romans 1:14-16)

2) What are some evidences of being a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Matthew 16:24 _____

Luke 14:26 _____

Luke 14:33 _____

John 8:31 _____

John 15:8 _____

3) How should you treat your enemies? (Luke 6:35)

4) What is the secret of Christian kindness and forgiveness? (Ephesians 4:32)

5) As Christians, what has God promised us in regards to our spiritual growth? (Ephesians 1:17)

6) Can you be a "secret" disciple of Jesus? Is that what God desires of you? (John 12:42, 19:38)

7) What things should we watch out for and stay away from?

Ephesians 5:3 _____

Ephesians 5:4 _____

Ephesians 5:5 _____

8) What level of maturity does God want from us in our spiritual lives? (I Corinthians 14:20)

9) How can we grow in maturity? What are some causes for not maturing? (Hebrews 5:12-14)

10) How important of a priority is knowing Jesus and being His disciple? (Philippians 3:7-11)

KEY VERSES 

Read & highlight the following verses in your Bible (These are great to remember or refer back to!)

Hosea 6:3; John 8:12; John 12:26; 1 Peter 2:21

MEMORY VERSE

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."
Matthew 16:24 (NKJV)

NEXT STEPS 

A great way to grow as a disciple of Christ is to be disciplined by another mature Christian.

The Apostle Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians instructed them to, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ" (11:1). The Corinthian church was a new church full of new believers and the best way for them to learn and grow was to observe a mature believer who could model or show them practically what being a disciple of Christ looks like. As a new believer, it would be beneficial for you to get to know some of the more mature believers in your church whether it be through a small group bible study or another ministry or fellowship whereby a discipleship relationship can be formed. A lot of the practical elements of living your life as a disciple of Christ can be learned by observation as well as through conversations with someone who has been walking with the Lord for a number of years and their life truly models what the Bible teaches.

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