

Christian Discipleship Week 1

Read John 15: 1-12

A disciple is a learner - someone who sits at a teacher's feet. Common idea at time of NT. Socrates had disciples, Pharisees had their disciples, John the Baptist had his disciples (Mark 2:18). So a Christian disciple is a person who is a follower of Jesus, a learner.

John 15: 1-12. According to Scripture, a Christian disciple is:

1. One who abides in Jesus (John 15: 4).

The key to Christian discipleship is staying close to Christ. Keeping our relationship with Him. When Jesus called disciples in Mark 3: 14-15 we read that He *“appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they **might be with him...**”*

2. One who Learns (John 15:3,7).

Christ and His words are interchangeable. To abide in Christ, is to allow His words to abide in us. Christ today has left us His words. Discipleship is all about knowing His word, loving His word, reading His word, obeying His word.

3. One who Obeys (15: 10-11).

Not enough to read God's word. We must be obedient children and doers of the Word. Obedience is test of discipleship. We cannot truly be His disciples if we are not prepared to do what He says. *“The test of authentic worship in the sanctuary is obedience to God outside the sanctuary.”* John Piper

4. One who Prays. v. 7.

One of the greatest things we can do for people is teach them to pray. Maybe by showing them great prayers of the Bible, lending them one of the great books on prayer.

5. One who Loves (John 15: 12).

According to Bible sign of true faith is our love for one another. John 13:34-35

6. One who bears fruit v. 8.

Test of discipleship is the fruit that our lives bear. Fruit of godly living, and gospel impact.

How do we grow as disciples?

- **His Spirit** Romans 8: 26 - **His Word** 2 Timothy 3: 16-17 - **His People** Hebrews 3: 12-13