

Marks of a Disciple - Part 1

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I. Introduction.

A. How to finish well.

II. Marks of the disciple.

A. Continuing in the Word. (John 8:31-32)

1. The continuing disciple was one who put into practice his teacher's teaching.
2. This disciple imbibes the spirit of his teaching.
3. All of us is saved, therefore we are to yield every part of our lives to God - such as giving money.
4. To continue in the Word you have to have a basic plan.
 - a. Read the Bible every day.
 - b. Memorize Scripture throughout your lifetime.
 - c. Develop a plan for getting into the Word.
5. You have to have a willing to do God's will. (John 7:17, Mark 4:24)
6. Obedience is a prerequisite to further life.

B. Life characterized by love. (John 13:34-35)

1. The newness of Jesus' commandment to love is to love a person with a willingness to give one's life for that person. (1 Peter 3:18)
2. This kind of love shows that one is Jesus' disciple. (Luke 17:3-4)
3. We ought to forgive one another.
4. We love who choose to love. Love is a commandment. (1 Corinthians 13:4)
5. We love through service using the gifts. (1 Corinthians 12)

C. Bearing fruit. (John 15:8)

Application questions

1. How does one practically continue in the Word?

2. Which characteristic of love stands out to you? Explain.

3. Why is love a choice and not an emotion only? What kind of act chiefly exemplifies this love?
