

Marks of a Servant

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I. Introduction.

- A. Things college students were giving their lives to: money, power, knowledge, and popularity.
- B. None of these things are wrong, but if you give your life to getting them you will never be happy or content. (Ecclesiastes 5:10, 1 Timothy 6:9-10)
- C. Demas was on Paul's first team, but he gave it all up for the love of the world. The world passes away - it is too unstable.

II. We can count on God, His Word and the souls of people.

A. The story of the big catch. (Luke 5)

- 1. Faith needs no precedent.
- 2. The disciples forsook all and followed Jesus.

B. The story of the conversion of Saul of Tarsus. (Acts 9)

- 1. Saul had to make a decision between the comforts of the world and the call of Christ. (Philippians 3:7-8)
- 2. Saul forsook all and followed Christ.

C. The story of the rich young ruler. (Mark 10)

- 1. The rich young ruler was given the same option as Peter to forsake all and follow Jesus.
- 2. However he was sad and chose to go with riches.

D. Do not give your life to a smoldering ash because one day all your riches will burn.

E. Give your life to people, God and the Word of God.

- 1. Here is substance and joy.
- 2. You can have this.
- 3. Teach people and not lessons.

III. Primary things for a life of discipleship.

- A. Reaching out with the message of Jesus Christ to have others come into the joy of the Lord. (Romans 1)

1. Paul was set apart for the gospel of God.
2. He knew this because Jesus told Paul that he would be a witness. (Acts, Romans 1:1)
3. The last thing Jesus told his apostles is that he would make them a witness.
4. God wants to make us witnesses for Christ because this is vital for making disciples.
5. The first revelation about Jesus in Revelation is that He is a faithful witness. (Revelation 1:5)
6. Ask the Lord to help you become a faithful witness to Christ.
7. Of all the things that Jesus could have told the people, He told them to repent because man needs salvation.
8. The message of life must be gotten out to those who are dying (Mark 1:14-15, 1 Thessalonians 2:4)

B. When people respond we help them so that they can be an effective witness.

IV. Principles of discipleship.

- A. The importance of obedience and application of the Word of God to our lives. (John 14:21)
- B. The importance of fellowship with other believers. God wants from us the kind of fellowship where we can hold each other up. (Hebrews 10:22-25)
- C. A proper Scriptural reaction to the tough times of life: one of thanksgiving and joy. (Romans 5:3, 1 Peter 4:12, James 1:2-4)
- D. The importance of daily fellowship with God. (1 Corinthians 9:1)
- E. The importance of holiness before God. (2 Timothy 2:19)

V. Question and answer on discipleship.

Application questions

1. How is forsaking all a mark of discipleship? How is this illustrated in Scripture?

2. What role does evangelism have in discipleship? Explain.

3. Which principle of discipleship stood out to you? Why?
