

The Hallmarks of Discipleship, Part 4

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Matthew 10:24-32.
- B. The Lord does not call us to a life of ease as disciples.
- C. There are certain marks for a genuine disciple.

II. The true disciple bears the character of Christ.

III. The true disciple will find himself treated like Christ was treated.

IV. The true disciple fears not the world.

V. The true disciple favors the Lord.

VI. The true disciple forsakes the family.

- A. A gospel received in peace would not be a true gospel. (Psalm 72, Isaiah 2:3, John 14)
- B. The gospel brings inner peace but not worldly peace.
- C. It breaks up the closest relationships—even in the home. (Luke 16:62)

VII. The true disciple loves death for another's sake more than life for his or her own sake. It is better to lose your life than to forsake Jesus Christ.

VIII. The true disciple fosters rewards.

Application Questions:

1. Why is true discipleship so costly? Explain.

2. How have you seen true discipleship divide families?

3. What kind of benefits should the true disciple manifest for the world?
