

# Challenge to Discipleship

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I. Introduction.

II. A disciples is not...

- A. Simply a person who has had a religious experience in the past.
- B. Simply a person who made a decision.

III. A disciple is...

- A. Learner.
- B. There is a concept of growth and movement in...
  - 1. Personal/experiential knowledge with God.
  - 2. A love relationship with people.
  - 3. A relationship with truth.

IV. Knowledge of God. (John 14:7-11)

- A. We know God through Jesus.
- B. Jesus reveals the Father through His words and works.
  - 1. To have a love relationship with God we must know Him through the Bible.
  - 2. We also get to know God through what He did and made.

V. Knowledge of people. (John 13:5)

- A. True love has a quality of permanence.
- B. We must lay aside our “garments” of busy-ness and self-esteem to serve others.
- C. The basic idea of loving people is involvement in people’s needs and problems.

VI. Knowledge of the truth.

- A. This is not mere knowledge of the truth. (II Timothy 3:7)

B. This kind of truth finds application in obedience. (Malachi 3:10)

C. Jesus calls us to come and join Him in the storm. (Matthew 14:28-41; 15; 13:58; Jeremiah 33:3)

VII. These three love relationships are inseparable.

**Application questions:**

1. Why is knowledge of God more than accumulation of facts?

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2. What does it look like to love someone according to Jesus' model?

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3. Which area of learning would you like to challenge yourself in the most? How can you go about this?

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