

What is a Disciple?

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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. (II Kings 10)
- C. Simply a person who arrives at a plateau.
- D. Simply a person who is a member of some church organization.

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 15:1)

- A. True love has a quality of permanence.
- B. We must lay aside our “garments” of busy-ness and self-esteem to serve others. (John 13:4)
- 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. Jesus calls us to come and join Him in the storm. (Matthew 11; 14:28-41; 15)

C. A disciple is someone who has a growing love relationship with God. He proves God. (I John 1:9)

VII. These three love relationships are inseparable.

Application questions:

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

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

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