

Definition of a Disciple Maker

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I. Introduction.

A. The last thing Jesus said was to make disciples. (Matthew 28:19-20)

1. Christians will never be alone—they will always have Jesus.
2. As a believer goes, he is to make disciples.

B. The decisions we make regarding discipleship will set the course of our entire life.

1. We will all be held to account for our responsibility to disciple others. (II Corinthians 5:10)
2. It takes a disciple to make one. (John 13)

C. After fifty years of walking with Jesus, John was able to summarize what a disciple is.

II. A disciple is a person who continues in the Word of God. (John 8:31-32)

A. We must “continue” in the Word of God.

B. To continue means to read it carefully, study what it means, take into account the context and obedience.

III. A disciple is a person who walks in love. (John 13:34-35)

A. Love is unconditional and unending.

B. Love lays aside its reputation. (II Corinthians 4)

C. Love is vulnerable and involved in the lives of other people.

D. Washing feet looks different for everyone.

IV. A disciple is a person who bears fruit. (John 15:8)

A. Fruit.

1. Fruit means character—Christ-likeness. (Galatians 5:22-23)

2. It also means influence or multiplied disciples. A disciple bears fruit, but it does not happen automatically. (Proverbs 11:30)

B. We all ought to seek another person in which to invest.

Application questions:

1. What is your plan for studying the Bible?

2. What are some modern practical ways we can “wash others’ feet?”

3. How can you maximize your influence in the lives of those around you? Be specific.
