

# **Servant hood**

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## I. Introduction.

## II. Defining the Disciple.

A. A follower of Jesus.

B. Someone who gets in the game and does not sit on the sidelines. (Matthew 4:20)

C. Not one who follows the crowd, but one who sticks up for Christ. (John 6)

1. Personal example of a Navy crew who did not pay their commanding officer for an upcoming party due to reasons of integrity. The officer later apologized for trying to force people to join the party. The Lord protected those who took a stand.

2. The standards of the world are higher for the Christian than the standards of the Christian are for himself.

3. Personal example of standing up before officers against pornography and on behalf of Jesus.

D. A disciple is not necessarily one who holds a degree or is ordained.

E. A true disciple is not one who looks on, but one who follows even beyond the Jordan.

1. The story of Elijah. (2 Kings 2)

2. Elisha stood with his master Elijah during all his troubles.

F. Are you willing to follow Jesus wherever He goes?

1. Our tendency is to only go where we are comfortable going.

2. The example of the disciple who refused to follow Jesus because of the hardships of that life.

3. Out of every 20 young people who commit to go to the mission field, only 1 person ends up going.

4. Personal example of packing up immediately to go to the mission field in Japan.

G. A disciple is called to be weak, so that the Lord's strength may be seen.

H. A disciple is called to carry the cross.

## III. Defining Discipleship.

A. Discipline.

1. We do not always want to pray, for instance. We need to develop discipline.
2. The example of Wes who wanted to get really spiritual, really quick. There is no way.
3. There is nothing in the Bible that provides a spiritual shortcut. (2 Timothy 2:3-5)
4. Only through a life of discipline, yieldedness, and following Christ does one become spiritual.
5. Jesus' disciples are those that continue in the Word of God. (John 8:31)
6. Flee the evil things and pursue righteous things. (1 Timothy 6:11-12)

B. Dedication.

1. God is looking for giants today—men who are faithful and yielded to Him.
2. God would rather have one man sold out for Christ rather than one hundred men who are partially sold out.
3. Paul counted all things as a loss to know Christ. (Philippians 3:10)

C. Determination.

1. The wavering/double minded man is unstable in all of his ways. (James 1:5)
2. A man who looks back is not fit for the kingdom of God. (Luke 9:62)
  - a. The example of Bob, a wounded soldier who's determination it was to go to the mission field.

**Application questions.**

1. What are some of the characteristics of a disciple that stood out to you the most? Explain.

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2. Why are discipline, dedication, and determination keys to discipleship? How does the Scripture testify to these principles? Be specific.

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3. Where are you at on the road of discipleship? What specific areas are you strong in? What areas could use some growth? List some things that you can do to continue fostering obedience to the Lord in your own walk with Jesus Christ.

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