

# What a Disciple Looks Like

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## I. Introduction.

A. Jesus came to seek and save the lost. (Luke 19:10; Matthew 1:21; Acts 20:24)

B. God's desire is that men would be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2; 2 Peter 3:9)

C. Jesus commanded us to make learners and followers of Jesus. (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:14-15; Luke 22:44-49; John 20:19-23; Acts 1:8)

II. There is no magic in profiling a disciple. Anyone learning and following is a disciple. (Acts 16:9; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Leviticus 20:13)

## III. Misconceptions in disciple making.

A. Discipleship is a new thing.

B. One needs to be a professional.

C. One must see immediate and measurable results. (Psalm 37:34)

## IV. We make disciples because...

A. Jesus commanded it to accomplish his objectives. (Mark 3:14-15; Acts 1; Mark 6:31)

B. Discipleship was Paul's method for leadership. (Acts 20:4)

C. It is the fastest way to get the job done. (Genesis 1:28)

D. It works. (Isaiah 8:16; 2 Timothy 2:2)

E. Time is limited. (Psalm 71:9, 18; Isaiah 46:4; Psalm 92:14)

F. Stewardship. (Job 2:4; Psalm 66:8-9; 1 Corinthians 4:7; 4:2)

## V. Things a disciple must look like...

A. He must be born again.

B. He must love God. (Matthew 22)

C. He must be a learner.

1. This is basically an attitude.

2. It is humble. (Romans 12:3)

3. It is teachable. (Proverbs 10:17; 12:1)

4. It is hungry. (Nehemiah 9:9; Proverbs 27:7; Romans 12:16)

D. He must be under Christ's authority. God has placed authority over us. (Luke 6:40)

E. He must abide in the Word of God. (John 8:31; 15)

1. To abide means to obey.
2. We must take the Word in.
3. We must think the Word over.
4. We must live the Word out.

F. He must have a love for the brethren. (John 13:34-35)

1. He has a servant heart. (Mark 10:45; 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12; Isaiah 43:10)
2. He has a unifying spirit. (Psalm 133:1; Ephesians 4:1; John 17; 1 Corinthians 12:25; 1 John 3:10; Romans 13:10; 1 Timothy 1:5)

G. He must be bearing fruit. It means the outward manifestation of the inward working in a man's life: good works, people, giving. (John 15:8; Matthew 3:8; Ephesians 2:10; John 4:36; Proverbs 11:30)

H. He must be forsaking people. (Luke 14)

I. He must have a positive identification with Christ. (Luke 9:23; Galatians 5:11)

J. He must forsake possessions. (Luke 12:15; Mark 4:19; Luke 14:33)

VI. Conclusion.

A. There are degrees of discipleship.

B. We do not need to be a professional to help others. (Proverbs 27:17)

**Application questions:**

1. Why make disciples?

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2. How can anyone be and make a disciple?

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3. What expectations should be said at front for discipleship? Explain.

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