

What is a Disciple?

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I. Introduction.

A. Discipleship is optional for the Christian. (Matthew 28)

B. Submitting to the Lordship of Christ is something that can only happen by way of decision.

C. Three sins committed by non-Christians against the Spirit: blasphemy, resisting (Acts 7:51) and showing contempt (Hebrews 10:29).

D. Three sins believers Christians commit against the Spirit: lying (Acts 5:3), grieving (Ephesians 4:30) and quenching (I Thessalonians 5:19).

E. A disciple is learner.

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

A. A disciple is a learner—he is not static.

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

C. To continue means to listen, study Jesus’ life, and penetrate the meaning and to obey. (Romans 15:18)

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

A. Love is unconditional and unending.

B. Jesus made Himself of no reputation by washing the disciples’ dirty feet.

C. We ought to be involved in other people’s heartache.

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

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

B. It also means influence or multiplied disciples. (Proverbs 11:30)

C. We bear fruit from the secret intimate life we have with Christ. (Romans 7:4)

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.
