

Marks of a Disciple

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I. Introduction.

II. The disciple is one who puts into practice the things of his teacher. (John 8:31-32)

- A. Death quite often comes into the picture of discipleship.
- B. The disciples said they could be completely involved (baptized) with Jesus.
- C. They all died and did not quibble with the fact that they would.
- D. The disciple hacks it right on to the end.

III. The disciples were learning how to obey. (Mark 4:24)

- A. You have to put into practice what you know to get more.
- B. The disciple is freed when he practices what he hears.
- C. You start the race by reading your Bible. This is a quiet time, prayer, Scripture memory, and a Bible reading program.

IV. The disciples were to love. (John 13:34-35)

- A. The New Commandment is to love as Jesus loved - to the death. (Ephesians 1:7)
 - 1. Jesus loved enough to forgive us. (Luke 17)
 - 2. Do not teach statistics of evil doing. (1 Corinthians)
- B. We choose whom we love - we do not fall into it. (1 Corinthians 13)

V. The disciple bears the fruit of discipleship. (John 15:8, Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:16)

- A. Dying to self holds up fruit bearing. (Genesis 1:11, John 12:24, Luke 9:23)
- B. He died that we might live. We die that He might live. (Galatians 2:20)

VI. The disciple loves Jesus so much more than his family, one's love for his family could be called faith. (Luke 14:26)

- A. Discipleship has a cost - it is our life.
- B. Everything we have must be put on the altar to be a disciple of Jesus. (John 8:31-32, John 13:31-32, John 15:8)

Application questions.

1. How could loving be called a New Commandment by Jesus?

2. What does it mean to bear fruit in discipleship?

3. Do you have a plan for reading your Bible? What might an effective plan look like implemented in your life?
