

Discipleship

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I. Introduction.

- A. Jesus Christ completed the work of redemption and training men. (John 17; 19)
- B. There are three characteristics of discipleship.

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 in the Word of God means what Jesus said, studying Jesus’ life, penetrating the meaning and obedience. (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)

V. Hindrances to being a true disciple of Jesus.

- A. Fear. The solution is surrender. (II Timothy 2:7)
- B. False teaching. The solution is to study. (II Timothy 2)
- C. The flesh. The solution is separation. (III Timothy 3)
- D. Faint-heartedness. The solution is selection. (II Timothy 4, Proverbs 13:20)

VI. Conclusion. (I Corinthians 10:22)

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.
