

Commitment of a Disciple

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I. Introduction.

- A. The characteristics of a disciple. (1 Thessalonians 1:2)
- B. It is virtually impossible to overestimate the value of one person.
- C. To miss out on eternity all we have to do is nothing because we are condemned already. The individual is judged. (John 3:16, Romans 2:16, 8:12, Colossians 3:25, Ecclesiastes 12:14)

II. God is looking for a certain kind of man. (Ezekiel 22:13, Isaiah 56:1-2, 2 Chronicles 16:9, Romans 8:38)

- A. One of the most effective ways to encourage discipline is to have a godly elder present.
- B. We should memorize the plan of salvation (Romans 3:23, 6:23, Hebrews 9:27, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:8, John 1:12), but our gospel came not in word only. (1 Corinthians 15)
 - 1. Christ on the cross paid the price for our sins. (Ephesians 1:7)
 - 2. Yet Christ was taken down from the cross and rose from the dead.
 - 3. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus that is with the believers. (John 14)
 - 4. The risen Savior saves us from the penalty of sin. (Romans 5:10)
 - 5. We do not ask what Jesus would do, but what Jesus would have us do through the Spirit. (1 Peter 1:5)
 - 6. We are being saved from the power of sin now through the Spirit. (Galatians 2:20)
 - 7. We have all been baptized by the Holy Spirit as believers. (1 Corinthians 12:13)
 - 8. We are saved from the penalty of sin, we are being saved from the power of sin, and we will be saved from the presence of sin.
 - 9. One day we will be salvaged from the world.
- C. The gospel came in the power of the Holy Spirit and in much assurance. (Acts 1:8)
 - 1. Assurance comes through credibility.
 - 2. You have to live the life before you can effectively witness.
 - 3. It is great to go out witnessing, but people need credibility.

4. If you ever need to witness to your relatives, have a group pray for you and set a time to do so.

III. Characteristics of a disciple.

A. Prayer. (Philippians 1:9-11, Ephesians 3:14-20)

B. Bold to witness. (1 Thessalonians 2:10, Proverbs 3:27-28)

C. Time in the Word.

1. Your enemy is not your family or pastor.

2. Your enemy is the devil. (Ephesians 6, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

3. Satan has a limited number of tricks, and we fight him through the Bible. We take the pure word of God and pack it into the wicked heart. (Luke 6:45, Proverbs 23:7, Psalm 12:6)

4. Pick up the quantity of your Bible reading.

5. We fight Satan in our minds and hearts.

Application questions

1. What does it mean that the gospel is more than words?

2. What does the disciple look like?

3. How would your every-day life look different if it better exhibited the characteristics of a disciple?
