

The Process of Discipleship

(Romans 12:1–13)

Before followers of Christ were called "Christians," they were called "disciples". A disciple is "a learner or a pupil" of Jesus Christ. A disciple is also a follower; an adherent to the doctrines of Jesus Christ. This is not merely academic, it is transformational. It is a complete heart and lifestyle change to become like our master (John 7:16–18). Discipleship should become a primary focus of every believer, since it is a part of how the Lord accomplishes His will on earth through the church. This lesson will identify what is involved in discipleship in a general sense.

1. _____—Christ's love and sacrifice for us drives us to give ourselves to Christ's purpose for our lives (John 15:10; II Cor. 5:14; Jude 1:21).
2. _____—to "stand near" Christ, willing to serve at His command. This decision is to make Jesus Christ your master (Matt. 6:24; 10:24; John 10:27; 12:26).
 - a. _____ sacrifice—the faith of Christ fleshed out (Gal. 2:20)
 - b. _____ sacrifice—clean life (Psa. 119:9; John 15:3)
 - c. _____ sacrifice to God (Eph 5:10)
 - d. _____ sacrifice (Luke 17:10)

3. _____—dividing oneself from the world (Eph 2:1; Prov. 18:1; I Cor. 6:14–18; Gal. 6:14)
- a. Denial of self (Matt.16:24, 25)
 - b. Enduring Reproach and Persecution (Matt. 5:10–12; Gal. 5:11; Heb. 12:)
4. _____—behavioural change as a result of mind renewal (II Cor 4:16; Rom. 8:29–31)
- a. Definitions
 - 1) Transformed—*metamorphoo*
 - Meta—after; Morpho—form
 - Metamorphosis is a biological process by which an animal physically develops after birth or hatching.
 - 2) Conformed—*syschematizo*
 - syn—union with; schema—a figure, fashion
 - jointly formed, similar; Made to resemble; reduced to a likeness of; made agreeable to; suited.
 - 3) Image—a *likeness, representation or resemblance*
 - The image we join to is Jesus Christ, speaking of the inner qualities and strength of Christ (Gal 4:19; Phil 4:19).
 - b. Transformation by the Word of God (Josh. 1:8; Psa.1:1–2; John 8:31–36; I Tim. 4:15; Heb.12:1–2).

- 1) _____ of the mind—this is the process of renovating our mind, removing lies, ideas, and philosophies in exchange for truth by the power of the Holy Spirit and God’s Word (II Cor. 4:16; Eph. 4:20–24; Col 3:10; Titus 3:5).
 - 2) _____—revolve in the mind; to dwell on the Scriptures in thought; to contemplate; to study; to turn or revolve Scripture in the mind (Josh. 1:8; Psa. 1:1–2; I Tim. 4:15).
 - 3) _____ in my word—remain or dwell in truth (John 8:31–36)
5. _____—Our spiritual gifts and place to exercise those gifts in the church will make room for us (Prov. 18:16).
- a. Reaching the _____—a fisher of men (Mark 1:17–18)
 - A disciple bears fruit to the Lord. This is referring to winning people to Christ. (John 15:1–8)
 - b. Helping and _____ others (Luke 6:39–49; Gal. 6:1; I Tim 4:16).
 - c. _____ (Heb. 5:11–14).
 - The proof we are disciples is when we love others, willing to sacrifice for God and others (John 13:35; I Peter 1:22).