

# The Making of Disciples

## Lesson 7b (UPDATED)

Witnessing to Others

### On Being and Making Disciples

- Luke 9:23; 14:26-27
- Disciples' Hand

### Witnessing to Others

- The Great Commission: Matthew 28:18-20
- Christ's last words to His Disciple: Acts 1:8

### To Make Disciples One MUST Be A Disciple

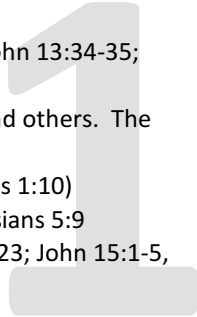
#### What Are the Marks of A Disciple?

1. Serious Students of God's Word. (John 8:31; Acts 2:42; 1 Peter 2:2; Matt 4:4; Hebrews 5:12-14)
2. Live the will of God according to His written Word. (Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4; Matthew 7:21, 24-27; 12:50; James 1:22; Luke 11:28; 6:46; Ephesians 6:6; Colossians 4:12; Hebrews 13:21; 1 Timothy 4:12-16)
3. They pray privately and collectively. (Matt 6:9-15; Luke 18:1; 1 Thess 5:17; Romans 12:12; Eph 6:18; Colossians 4:2, 17; 1 Peter 4:7)
4. They are an active serving part of a local community of believers. (Romans 12:4-5; 1 Cor 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:7-16; 1 Peter 4:10-11)
5. They actively fellowship (koinonia) with their brothers and sisters in accordance with God's written Word. (See Hanout: Koinonia Defined by God)
6. They love one another just as Christ loves them. (John 13:34-35; 15:12-13; 17)
7. They bear fruit toward their brothers and sisters and others. The fruit of the Spirit is visible in them.
  - ★ John 15:1-10 - they bear much fruit. (Colossians 1:10)
  - ★ The fruit of the Spirit: Galatians 5:18-23; Ephesians 5:9
  - ★ It is by our fruit we are known. (Matt 7:20; 13:23; John 15:1-5, 16)



8. They walk in the Light as Christ is in the Light. (1 John 1:6-7)
  - They have been "delivered from the power of darkness". (Colossians 1:13; 1 Peter 2:9)
  - They are the light of the world and no longer walk in darkness. (Matthew 5:13-16; John 12:32, 36; John 1:6-7; cf. 1 John 2:9-11)
  - They are "children of the light". (Eph 5:8)
9. Their walk (life) is in accordance with the New Testament:
  - ① They walk as Christ walked. (1 John 2:3-6)
  - ② They walk by the Spirit. (Galatians 5:16, 25)
  - ③ They walk in love, just as Christ, toward each other. (Eph 5:1-2)
10. They know and follow the voice of their Shepherd. (John 10:26-29; Luke 9:23)
11. They are imitators of other Christians, Christ, and God.
  - ① Human examples. (1 Thess 2:14; Philippians 3:13, 17; 2 Thess 3:7, 9; Hebrews 6:12; 13:7)
    - Paul: 1 Cor 4:16-17; 11; 1 Thess 1:6
    - ★ They become *examples* for others to follow.
    - ☆ Every disciple ought to be able to say, "Imitate me just as I imitate Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1)
  - ② Christ. (Matthew 11:29; Ephesians 4:32; 5:2; John 13:15-17; 34-35; 15:12-13; 15:18-20; Philippians 2:5; 1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6; 3:16)
  - ③ God. (Ephesians 5:1)
12. They live as examples for others to follow. (1 Timothy 4:12-13; 1 Corinthians 11:1)
13. They have a lifestyle of practicing the righteousness of God and not sinning. (1 John 3:1-10; Matthew 5:6; 6:33; **1 Tim 6:11; 2 Tim 2:22**; Hebrews 11:13)
14. Their obedience is motivated by their love for God. (John 14:15, 21, 23, 24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 5:1-3)
15. They know that they exist for God's purpose. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 10:9-10; Psalm 100:3; 1 Peter 2:9; Titus 2:14)

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## Witnessing to the World

★ If we are committed to making disciples as we are commanded then there are only two choices:

① We make *worldly* Christians who believe the lie that you only have to say, “Jesus is my personal Saviour” and that God places no requirements or demands on you as a Christian.

**OR**

② We make *disciples of Christ* who want to be just like their Master and want to imitate Him in every way.

### OUR OBLIGATION

He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

(1 John 2:6)

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