



DISCIPLE

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Course: A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

Lesson: 1

Title: The Disciple and His Textbook

Passage: Luke 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16

Review: Who Is A Disciple?

- NOT all disciples are Christians, BUT all Christians are disciples.
- DISCIPLESHIP IS A SERIOUS ISSUE.
- ARE YOU A DISCIPLE?
- “His disciples **followed Him** . . .” Matthew 8:23; Mark 4:35-36
 - “disciple” μαθητής (mathetes) - “student”; “pupil”; “follower”; *imitator*.
 - Understanding this word in the New Testament:
 - A disciple **totally submits** to his/her master.
 - A disciple has a daily interaction with his/her master.
 - A disciple engulfs him/herself in the word of his/her master and wants to LIVE his/her life in accordance with the teachings/commands of his/her master.
 - A disciple’s chief goal in life is to be just like his/her master. the disciple’s life.
- Christ commands His followers to a **wholehearted** and **uncompromising** following. (Luke 9:23; John 10:27-28; Luke 9:57-62; 14:26; John 21:22)
- Christ expects His followers to follow Him on His terms. Followers are not to set the terms of their following.
 - Luke 14:26, 28, 33; Matthew 11:29-30; Amos 3:3
- MANY followers fell away **AND** will fall away! (John 6:66; Luke 9:57-62; Matthew 13:20-22; 7:21-23; 24:4-5; 11, 24)
- **A DISCIPLE by definition:**
 - **DESIRES** to be JUST like his/her master. Nothing is more important for a disciple.

- Is **DETERMINED** and sets out to achieve his/her desire/goal.
- Is **DISCIPLINED** in his/her quest to be just like his/her master.

- Is **DILIGENT** in his/her pursuit. He/she give his/her all in his/her pursuit.
- Is a **DOER**. He/she hears his/her master command and they do it. (Matthew 7:24-29; James 1:22; John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 2:3-4; 5:1-3)

Christ’s, Our Master, Demands on His Disciples

- (Luke 9:23) In this verse, Christ, our Master, demands that His disciples:
 - ① Deny themselves.
 - ② Take up their cross DAILY.
 - ③ Follow Him.
- Those who refuse Christ’s, our Master, demands “are not worthy of Him” and they **cannot** be His disciples. (Matthew 10:38)
- (Matthew 10:37; Luke 14:23-33) Christ, our Master, demands that He be NUMBER ONE OUR TOP PRIORITY in our lives. Anyone who places Christ lower than number one is not worthy of Christ.
- (John 8:31) **“IF you continue (abide) in MY WORD, then you are MY disciples.”**
- (Luke 4:4) **“It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but man shall live by every word of God.”**

God’s Spoke (Hebrews 1:1)

- **In Times Past** . . . by (or literally “in”) the prophets.
 - The God of the Universe REVEALED Himself by speaking to MAN as He “moved” men. (2 Peter 1:21; 2 Samuel 23:2; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Mark 12:36; Acts 1:16; 3:18; 28:25)
 - God spoke in different times, different economic, social, cultural, and political situation. It was written during times of war, peace, famine, tribulation and prosperity.
- **in many different portions and ways** . . .
 - God spoke by (in) many different persons - at least 40.
 - He spoke by kings, prophets, priests, nomads, “prime ministers” (Joseph), farmers, fishermen, physician, shepherds, lawyers, wealthy men, poor men, etc..
 - His OT revelation spans over 1,500 years

- His NT revelation spans about 60 years.
- All that was written down (preserved for all generations to come) was written down of man's learning. (Romans 15:4)
- God, the Creator, has made Himself and His ways known to man. Men are now without excuse.
- God has commanded ALL MEN EVERYWHERE to REPENT. "To repent" means to stop living your life the way you believe to be right and start living your life according to the written Word of God. (Acts 17:30)
- ALL men will be judged in accordance with the written Word of God and not what they believe to be right.

Written for Our Learning (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

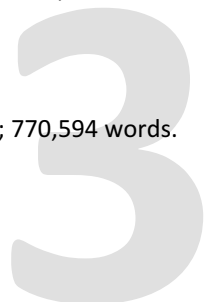
- ALL Scripture is "God breathed" - "from the mouth of God".
- Because this is God's Word (not the words of men) it is PROFITABLE for us:
 - For DOCTRINE: It teaches us what is RIGHT.
 - For REPROOF: It teaches us what is NOT RIGHT.
 - For CORRECTION: It teaches us HOW to GET RIGHT.
 - For INSTRUCTION in RIGHTEOUSNESS: It teaches us how the STAY RIGHT.
 - For EQUIPPING us for GOOD WORKS.
- Either one lives their lives on their OPINIONS or the teachings of men or they live their lives according to the written Word of God.
- Religion is living your life as YOU want.
- Christianity is a life of FOLLOWING Christ by living according to His written Word.

God's Word Is Our Lamp (Psalm 119:105)

- Ignore the light, do not pick up the light and you are walking (living) in darkness. You are NOT in the light. (READ 1 John 1:6-7)

The Disciple's Textbook - the Bible

- One Bible - Old and New Testament
- One Bible - 66 books; 1,189 Chapters; 31,102 verses; 770,594 words.
 - Old Testament - 39 books
 - ★ The promise of a Messiah
 - ☆ ca. 1400 - 430BC.



- New Testament - 27 books
 - ★ The fulfillment of the promise
 - ☆ ca. 45-90AD
- The Old and New Testaments are EQUALLY the very word of God.
- The Bible, being the Word of God, is UNIQUE!
 - It is unique in that it was written over a period of 1,500 years by forty different writers and still it communicates a UNIFIED story/message.
 - It is unique in its PRESERVATION. The original manuscripts were continually and accurately copied on papyrus, animal skins, stone, and finally on paper!
 - It is unique in its HISTORICAL RELIABILITY. Historians and archeologists are continually verifying the historical accuracy of this book.
 - It is unique in its prophetic accuracy. Examples: King Cyrus the Great of the Persian Empire, King Josiah, king of Judah, the southern kingdom of Israel, and the prophecies concerning the Messiah.
 - It is unique in its survival. No other book in all of history has come under more attacks than God's Word, and yet, it is still with us! Nations have tried, all unsuccessfully, to wipe out the existence of God's Word.
 - It is unique in that it is the most translated book in all history.
 - It is unique in that it is the most purchased book of all of history.
 - It is unique in that this Book, more than any other book in all of history, has had a profound, positive, life changing effect on those who have diligently studied it.

