

## Discipleship

Disciple - "A follower; an adherent to the doctrines of another. Hence the constant attendants of Christ were called his *disciples*; and hence all christians are called his *disciples*, as they profess to learn and receive his doctrines and precepts." (Webster's Dictionary 1828)

### Disciples Lovingly Follow Jesus

Disciples lovingly follow Jesus. (**Mt 28:18-20, Jn 10:27, Jn 14:15,21,23, Ac 5:32, Eph 5:1, 1Jn 2:6, 1Jn 5:3**)

Disciples align their will with God. (**Mt 6:7-10, Mt 7:21, Mt 12:50, Mt 26:39,42, Jn 5:30, Jn 6:38, Jn 8:28,29**)

Disciples experience great joy. (**Ps 5:11, Isa 61:10, Jn 15:10,11, Ac 13:52, Gal 5:22, 1Pe 1:8,9**)

Disciples praise God. (**Ps 9:1,2, Ps 18:46-49, Ps 150:1-6, Heb 13:11-15, Rev 19:1-5**)

### Disciples are Pure and Holy

Disciples are pure and holy. (**Da 12:8-10, Ps 51:10, 2Co 7:1, Eph 4:22-24, Eph 5:3, 1Th 4:7, 1Pe 1:14-16, 1Jn 3:1-3**)

Disciples abandon known sins. (**Jn 8:10,11, Ro 6:12-16, Ro 8:6-8, Gal 5:24, Col 3:5,6, Jas 4:7,8, 1Pe 4:1,2, 1Jn 3:9, 1Jn 5:18**)

Disciples abandon worldly ways. (**Ezr 10:11, Mt 6:19-21, Lk 16:15, Ro 12:2, Ro 13:14, 2Co 6:17, Col 3:2, Tit 2:12, Jas 1:27, Jas 4:4, 1Pe 2:11, 1Jn 2:15-17**)

Disciples eat clean food. (**Da 1:8, 1Co 6:19,20, 1Co 10:31**)

Disciples wear modest attire. (**1Ti 2:9,10, 1Pe 3:3,4**)

Disciples maintain pure speech. (**Ps 34:13, Pr 4:24, Pr 16:23, Pr 17:9, Eph 4:29, Eph 5:3,4, Col 3:8, 2Ti 2:16, Jas 1:26, 1Pe 1:15, 1Pe 3:10, Rev 14:1-5**)

Notes on Ps 34:13, 1Pe 3:10, and Rev 14:5: Guile - "Craft, cunning; artifice; duplicity; deceit; *usually in a bad sense*." (Webster's Dictionary 1828) (compare **2Co 11:3** and **Col 2:1-4**)

Craft - "Cunning, art or skill, in a bad sense, or applied to bad purposes" (Webster's Dictionary 1828)

Cunning - "Art; artifice; artfulness; craft; shrewdness; the faculty or act of using stratagem to accomplish a purpose. Hence in *a bad sense*, deceitfulness or deceit; fraudulent skill or dexterity." (Webster's Dictionary 1828)

Artifice - "Stratagem; an artful or ingenious device, in a good or bad sense. In a bad sense it corresponds with trick, or fraud." (Webster's Dictionary 1828)

Duplicity - "Doubleness of heart or speech; ... the act of dissembling one's real opinions for the purpose of concealing them and misleading persons in the conversation and intercourse of life; double-dealing; dissimulation; deceit." (Webster's Dictionary 1828)

Deceit - "Literally, a catching or ensnaring. Hence, the misleading of a person; the leading of another person to believe what is false, or not to believe what is true, and thus to ensnare him; fraud; fallacy; cheat; any declaration, artifice or practice, which misleads another, or causes him to believe what is false." (Webster's Dictionary 1828)

more on Guile - "It may be the Celtic form of Eng. *wile*." (Webster's Dictionary 1828)

Wile - "A trick or stratagem practiced for ensnaring or deception; a sly, insidious artifice." (Webster's Dictionary 1828) (compare **Eph 6:11**)

Disciples maintain pure vision. (**Ps 101:3, Mt 5:28,29, Mt 6:22,23, Rev 3:18**)

Disciples maintain pure thought. (**Ro 12:2, 1Co 2:16, 2Co 10:5, Php 4:8-9, 1Pe 4:7**)

Disciples maintain a clear conscience. (**Ac 24:16, Heb 9:14, 1Pe 3:15,16, 1Jn 3:21**)

Disciples live according to the Spirit. (**Isa 30:21, Ro 8:5-9, Gal 5:16,17,25**)

### **Disciples Reach for Perfection**

Disciples reach for perfection. (**Ps 101:2, Mt 5:48, 2Co 7:1, 2Co 13:11, Eph 4:11-13, Php 3:14,15, 2Ti 3:16,17, Heb 6:1, Heb 13:20,21**)

In this life, there is always room for improvement. (**Pr 4:18, Isa 6:1-5, 2Co 3:18, 1Jn 1:8-10**)

We receive our perfection through Christ. (**Col 1:27,28, Heb 10:10-14**)

Jesus is our Righteousness. (**Isa 26:12, Jer 23:6, Jn 15:4,5, Ro 5:19, 2Co 5:21, Gal 2:20, Php 1:11, Php 3:8,9**)

### **Disciples Practice Spiritual Disciplines**

Disciples pray. (**Isa 1:18, Jer 29:13, Da 6:10, Mt 21:13, Mt 26:40,41, Mk 1:34,35, Lk 6:12,13, 1Th 5:17**)

Disciples study the Bible. (**Ps 119:11, Mt 4:4, Jn 17:17, 1Ti 4:13, 2Ti 3:15,16, Rev 20:4**)

Disciples worship and minister together. (**Pr 27:17, Ps 89:7, Mt 18:20, Heb 10:24,25**)

Disciples keep the seventh-day Sabbath. (**Ex 20:8-11, Ex 31:12-18, Ne 10:31, Ne 13:15-22, Isa 58:13,14**)

The Sabbath is quantity and quality time we need to develop our relationship with God. (**Mk 2:27**)

Disciples witness of Jesus. (**Mt 5:16, Mt 28:18-20, Jn 15:8, Jn 15:26, Eph 2:10, 2Co 5:20, Rev 12:17**)

### **Disciples Manifest the Fruit of the Spirit**

Disciples manifest the fruit of the Spirit. (**Gal 5:22,23, Eph 5:8-10, 2Pe 1:4-9**)

The greatest fruit is love. (**Mt 5:44, Mt 22:36-40, Jn 13:34,35, Jn 15:12,13, 1Co 13:1-13, Col 3:14, 1Ti 5:1,2, 1Pe 4:8**)

Note on 1Co 13:1-13, Col 3:14, and 1Pe 4:8: Charity - "In a *general sense*, love, benevolence, good will; that disposition of heart which inclines men to think favorably of their fellowmen, and to do them good." (Webster's Dictionary 1828)

True love is expressed through action. (**Mt 25:41-43, Tit 3:8, Jas 2:14,26, 1Jn 2:4-6, 1Jn 3:17,18**)

### **Disciples Make Personal Sacrifices**

Disciples make personal sacrifices. (**Mt 16:24,25, Mt 19:21,22, Lk 14:26-33**)

### **Disciples are Persecuted**

Disciples are persecuted. (**Mt 5:10-12, Lk 6:26, Jn 15:20, Ac 14:19-22, Php 1:29, 2Ti 3:12**)

### **Disciples are Examples (for Good or for Evil)**

Disciples are not to be examples for evil. (**Mt 15:7-9, Mt 23:13,15, Tit 1:15,16**)

Disciples are to be examples for good. (**Php 3:13-17, 1Ti 4:12, 1Pe 5:1-3**)

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