

Being a Disciple

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I. Introduction.

II. A disciple is a learner.

A. “Yes but” evidences a non-learner. (Matthew 11:29, John 13:13)

B. Jesus teaches us primarily through His Word—we must be in the Word of God to learn of Jesus. (II Timothy 3:16)

1. There are certain things we need to stop doing as a Christian.
2. There are certain things we are to do so that we can do better.
3. The Scriptures are the comprehensive equipment for the man of God.
4. All Scripture is given by God. (Psalm 119:11)

C. The Bible has always been attacked throughout history. (Genesis 3)

1. There is no way that anyone can touch the Word of God—its copyright is in heaven.
2. God’s Word cannot be amended.
3. We are called upon to place our faith in the Word of God. (Palm 119:19)
4. The Word of God is our life’s road map. (Psalm 119:30)

III. A disciple is a follower. (John 12:24-26, Matthew 4:19)

A. A follower is a witness.

1. The Lord accomplishes a witness. (Acts 2:41-42, II Samuel 23:10, I Chronicles 11:12-14)
2. God uses people to accomplish it. (Acts 10, Romans 15:18)
 - a. He cannot use an angel to accomplish the method of redemption.
 - b. The witness’s concern is primarily with his vertical relationship with God.

B. Do not become so busy in the work of the kingdom that you do not have time for the King because that is what makes you effective.

Application questions:

1. Why must the disciple be in the Word?

2. Why must the disciple witness?

3. What role does a personal relationship with God play in the disciple's life, and how does it relate to being in the Word and witnessing?
