

## Discipleship Bible Lesson

With respect to the Five Purposes, discipleship is a stage that follows salvation, fellowship, worship, etc. Once God saves us, he then begins the process of *changing us* so that we become like him!

### Discipleship is exercising the power of God in this corrupt world

1. You get to exercise the power of Jesus Christ in this world (I John 4:17 "...because as he is so are we in this world.")

### Discipleship may be defined as "PARTAKING OF THE DIVINE NATURE"

(II Peter 1:3-4 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him (Matt. 11:28 & John 8:32) that hath called us unto glory and virtue:

4) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these we are made partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

**-Ephesians 2:3 tells us that before we were saved we "...were by *nature* the children of wrath..."**

**-Discipleship is the process of partaking of a NEW NATURE, which is the nature of God as manifested in Jesus Christ.**

### Discipleship means MOVING FROM NORMAL HUMAN WEAKNESS TO WALK IN SUPERNATURAL POWER

Example – Acts 4:13 – "they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus!"

Look at Peter's power to defy the Sanhedrin (Acts 4:18,19,20) compared to his timidity before his Holy Ghost empowerment.

### Discipleship means getting your identity straight and habitually remembering who you are in Christ.

Acts 1:8 "...but ye shall have POWER..." (to walk as disciples)

Luke 10:19 "...Behold I have given you power over all the power..."

Mark 16:16 shows the disciple of Christ Jesus walking in supernatural confidence and power

James warns what happens when we forget who we are in Christ (James 1:23-25, "...THIS MAN SHALL BE **BLESSED** IN HIS DEED!")

**The call to discipleship is a call to walk in the POWER that the world needs to see!**

Romans 8:19 FOR THE EARNEST EXPECTATION OF THE CREATURE WAITETH FOR THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SONS OF GOD!

Our transformation into true discipleship is guaranteed, as long as we believe God

I Corinthians 15:39 "As we *have* born the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly!"

Romans 8:29 "predestinated to be conformed to the image of his Son..."

**A disciple is one who bears spiritual fruit**

John 15:8 **so** shall ye be my disciples (i.e. by bearing "much fruit")

We must be fruitful as Jesus was fruitful. Those who are fruitless are *not* disciples.

**A disciple studies his Master and learns a lifestyle from him**

Matthew 11:28 "Take my yoke upon you and *learn* of me..."

John 6 "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, ye have no life in you."

**Discipleship is very dependent on adjacency. There must be association and influence on a continual basis.**

Mark "He chose twelve disciples that they might "be with Him..."

How do you "spend time with Jesus?" Since he is a spirit you must fellowship with him in the Spirit

"Walk in the Spirit

"Enoch walked with God,,," How did he do that?

"They took note of them that they had been with Jesus..."

**Discipleship is often taught by MEN who are already disciples. If you are to be discipled it is essential that you obediently follow the men that God has placed in authority.**

II Thessalonians 3:7-9 "For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you... to make ourselves an example unto you that ye should follow us."

I Thessalonians 1:6 "**AND YE BECAME FOLLOWERS OF US, AND OF THE LORD, HAVING RECEIVED THE WORD IN MUCH AFFLICTION, WITH JOY OF THE HOLY GHOST.**"

Hebrews 13:7 "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: Whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation."

You cannot honor God whom you have not seen and dishonor the authority of those church leaders whom you see daily. Not only the pastor but the pastor's wife and all other church elders who are faithful and godly!