

## Lesson 6 – Discipleship

**John 8:31** Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word**, *then* are ye my **disciples indeed**;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

**Disciple** - One who embraces and assists in spreading the teachings of another.

This word is the root of **discipline**.

- to train by instruction and practice, especially to teach self-control to.
- to teach to obey rules or accept authority.

**John 8:42** Jesus said unto them, **If God were your Father**, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

**43** Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

**44** Ye are of *your father the devil*, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

**45** And because I tell *you* the truth, ye believe me not.

**The benefits of Discipleship –**

1. God becomes our Father.
2. We are able to understand Jesus' speech (the Word of God)
3. We will be able to hear the word
4. The truth will make us free. (From our flesh, the world, and the devil).
5. We will be able to be delivered from our worst enemy, our own self.

**Submit yourself to God's authority**

**James 4:7** **Submit yourselves** therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

**8** Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

**9** Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness.

**Submit yourself to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake**

**1 Peter 2:13** **Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake**: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

**14** Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

**15** For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

**16** As free, and not using *your* liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

**Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers**

**Romans 13:1** Let **every soul be subject unto the higher powers**. For there is no power but of God: the **powers that be are ordained of God**.

**2** Whosoever therefore **resisteth the power**, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

**3** For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

**4** For **he is the minister of God to thee for good**. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute* wrath upon him that doeth evil.

**5** Wherefore **ye must needs be subject**, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

**Obey and Submit yourself to God's ministry**

**Hebrews 13:17** **Obey them that have the rule over you**, and **submit yourselves**: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

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### Prerequisite of being a disciple.

**Luke 14:15** And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed *[is]* he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

18 And they all with one *[consent]* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *[them]* to come in, that my house may be filled.

24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,

**Luke 14:26** If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

### We must bear our cross and come after Jesus.

27 And whosoever **doth not bear his cross**, and **come after me**, cannot be my disciple.

### We must count the cost and surrender all to be a disciple

28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have *sufficient* to finish *it*?

29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish *it*, all that behold *it* begin to mock him,

30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth ambassadors, and desireth conditions of peace.

33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

34 Salt *is* good: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be seasoned?

35 It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; *but* men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

### Receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting

**Luke 18:18** And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none *[is]* good, save one, *[that is]*, God.

20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.

21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up.

22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.

23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.

24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

26 And they that heard *[it]* said, Who then can be saved?

27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

28 Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee.

29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake,

30 Who shall not **receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.**

### Life of Discipleship - Prayer

**2 Corinthians 10:3** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

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- 4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;)
- 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
- 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

**Jude 20** But ye, beloved, **building up yourselves on your most holy faith**, praying in the Holy Ghost,  
**21 Keep yourselves in the love of God**, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

**Ephesians 6:18** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;  
19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

### Life of Discipleship – Studying the Word of God

**Ecc 12:12** And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books *there is* no end; and much study *is* a weariness of the flesh.

**Acts 17:11** These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they **received the word with all readiness of mind**, and **searched the Scriptures daily**, whether **those things were so**.

**2 Timothy 2:15** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.  
16 But shun profane [*and*] vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

### Blessed is the man... his delight is in the Law of the LORD, and in His Law doth he meditate day and night.

**Psalms 1:1** Blessed [*is*] the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

- 2 But his delight [*is*] in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.  
3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.  
4 The ungodly [*are*] not so: but [*are*] like the chaff which the wind driveth away.  
5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.  
6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

### The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

**Eph 6:10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.  
11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.  
12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.  
13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.  
14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;  
15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;  
16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.  
17 And take the helmet of salvation, **and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:**

### All saints have been examples of faithful disciples

Rev 6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were **slain for the word of God**, and **for the testimony** which they held:

- 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?  
11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their **fellow servants also and their brethren**, that should be **killed as they were**, should be fulfilled.

Rev 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: **and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.**

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Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, **and his wife hath made herself ready.**

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, **clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

**But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]:**

**Hebrews 11:6** But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

36 And others had trial of [cruel] mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

**The world is not worthy of God's elect.**

38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and [in] mountains, and [in] dens and caves of the earth.

39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

40 God having provided **some better thing for us**, that **they without us** should not be made perfect.

**Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?**

**Luke 18:1** And he spake a parable unto them [to this end], that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:

3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

7 And shall not **God avenge his own elect**, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

8 **I tell you that he will avenge them speedily.** Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, **shall he find faith on the earth?**