

Disciples Standing Fact in the Battle

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I. Introduction.

A. If you believe in the Judeo-Christian worldview, you will hold to free enterprise.

B. Jesus Christ is the only answer to problems in this world.

II. People need to know that they have a right of choice and a responsibility to make a choice.

A. There are many enemies keeping us from Christ in the world: evil powers, a hard heart, deceitful riches. (Ephesians 6:4; Mark 8:17; Genesis 4:7; John 16:33; Isaiah 59:17; Mark 4; 1 John 2:15-16; Proverbs 23:4-5)

B. Only the Word of God and people will last forever. With our limited time, we should invest our lives in what is eternal.

III. A disciple is a follower.

IV. The marks of a discipleship.

A. A genuine love for the brethren. (John 13:34-35)

B. Continuous in the Word. (John 8:31; Luke 6:40; 2 Timothy 3:17)

C. Fruitfulness of a changed life and seeing others come to Christ and being disciple. (John 15:8)

D. Forsaking self. (Luke 14:26; Matthew 8:22)

E. Forsaking pleasure. (Luke 14:27; Mark 10:45)

F. A multiplier. (Acts 6:7)

G. A continuing revelation from God.

Application questions:

1. How are you investing your life in the Word of God and people?

2. Why does it matter how we choose to invest our lives in the Word of God and people?

3. What areas do you need to grow in to maximize your own discipleship? Explain.
