

Discipleship

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I. Introduction.

- A. Discipleship is voluntary.
- B. There are hindrances to discipleship.
- C. Jesus Christ completed the work of redemption and training men. (John 17; 19)
- D. There are three characteristics of discipleship.

II. A disciple is a person who continues in the Word of God. (John 8:31-32)

- A. We must “continue” in the Word of God.
- B. To continue in the Word of God means knowing what Jesus said, studying Jesus’ life, penetrating the meaning and obedience. (Romans 15:18)
- C. The mind controls the actions—we must make a decision to spend time in God’s word.

III. A disciple is a person who walks in love. (John 13:34-35)

- A. Love is unconditional and unending.
- B. Love is something that is both taught and learned.
- C. Jesus made Himself of no reputation by washing the disciples’ dirty feet—we must “lay aside our garments” like Jesus did.
- D. We ought to be involved in other people’s heartaches.

IV. A disciple is a person who bears fruit. (John 15:8)

V. Hindrances to being a true disciple of Jesus.

- A. Fear. The solution is surrender. (II Timothy 2:7)
- B. False teaching. The solution is to study. (II Timothy 2)
- C. The flesh. The solution is separation. (III Timothy 3)
- D. Fatigue. The solution is selection. (II Timothy 4)

Application questions:

1. What is your plan for studying the Bible?

2. What are some modern practical ways we can “wash others’ feet?”

3. How can you maximize your influence in the lives of those around you? Be specific.
