



Understanding Biblical Discipleship

PROFILE OF A DISCIPLE

When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die. –Dietrich Bonhoeffer

What characteristics of a disciple are identified in the verses below?

1. _____

I John 5:3

Mark 12:30

2. _____

John 12:24

3. _____

Philippians 2:3-6

4. _____

Matthew 4:19

Following in His pursuits – what is important to Him

5. _____

Galatians 5:13

John 13:34-35

6. _____

John 14:21

7. _____

Luke 9:23

Philippians 3:6-10

The key message from this list of attribute is that a follower of Jesus Christ has the attitude of Jesus:
Humility

It is the attitude of trustful self-surrender demonstrated by Jesus as He prayed, “Not my will, Father, but your will be done.” It is the renunciation of our own very human feelings, desires, hopes, dreams and ambitions in order that the purposes of God may be accomplished. –Vernon Grounds

THE HABITS OF A DISCIPLE

Living as a disciple implies certain spiritual activities. These disciplines or habits help us to move forward in developing intimacy with God. Without the heart attitude of a disciple they have little purpose.

God’s Word

John 8:31

Acts 17:11

Joshua 1:8

James 1:22

Prayer

Philippians 4:6-7

John 16:24

Hebrews 4:16

John 17:20

Fellowship

John 13:15

Galatians 6:9-10

Matthew 20:26

Evangelism

Matthew 5:16

Romans 1:16

Colossians 4:6

Romans 10:1

JESUS' PERSPECTIVE ON DISCIPLESHIP

Read through John 14-17 several times. These are the last words of Jesus to His disciples. Chapter 17 records Jesus' intimate words to His Father. Because of the time at which Jesus spoke these words they are considered to be the key things He wanted to communicate.

What do you learn about what Jesus desired for His disciples?

What did Jesus ask the Father to do in the lives of His disciples

What are the key topics Jesus touches on in these chapters?

What principles of discipleship emerge from your reading of these chapters?

How is your understanding of discipleship influenced by these chapters?