

Owner/Manager

A True Disciple is a life-long committed follower of the words and ways of Jesus.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 “I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; 20 “that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

3 steps to becoming a true disciple

1. MAKE A DECISION

- . Salvation
- . Rededication
- . Water Baptism
- . Receive a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

2 For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:14-17 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 16 And what agreement has the temple of God with

idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.” 17 Therefore “Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.” 18 “I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty.”

After salvation you need to make the decision to be set apart.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: 4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

2. CONNECT

- Attend next steps
- connect by meeting our ministry teams
- Start building some relationships.

3. Commit to being a life long learner.

- . Attend the discipleship class.
- . Get on a serve team.
- . Join a small group.

As a life long learner you should be changing in his presence.

Isaiah 60:1-3 Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness

the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.
3 The Gentiles shall come to your light,
And kings to the brightness of your rising.

We are not there yet!

Clearly, we have a lot of changing to do!

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 4:29“But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Hebrews 11:6 says that God "is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him."

Jesus rewards life long learners with His presence and His presence brings change.

We are managers not owners.

God has invested some things in you and you are worth more than you know!

There are always two voices that come to us.

One is the voice of the Holy Spirit.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

The second voice is the voice of the accuser.

Revelation 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and

the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

When you come to faith in Christ, Jesus gives us gifts.

Jesus gives us gifts and satan comes to attacks those gifts with accusations.

2 Corinthians 12:7-11 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit,

to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

The end of the discipleship process doesn't happen on this earth.

We will all stand before God!

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

God will ask us what we did with the gifts and talents?

You are the manager not the owner.

Galatians 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Matthew 25:14-30 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15 “And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. 16 “Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 “And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. 18 “But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. 19 “After a long

time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ 21 “His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ 22 “He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ 23 “His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ 24 “Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25

‘And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’ 26 “But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27 ‘So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 28 ‘Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 29 ‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30 ‘And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ JESUS “Well done my good and faithful servant... enter into the joy set before you.”

Servant in the Greek is one who is devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests.

- One who gives himself up to another's will
- One who manages the affairs of the master

A true disciple sees himself not as an owner, but as a manager.

Mark 8:34-35, And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

A true disciple lays down their version of their life.

True Disciples make significant sacrifices and costly decisions to follow Jesus.

CCT translation Mark 8:34 “If you are thinking about following me, then consider any spare time you may want to give up and make some minor adjustments in order to accommodate a faith that will help you improve your life, but only if it’s convenient and doesn’t change your personal goals or upset your current lifestyle.”

“Casual Christian Translation”

C.S. Lewis. “It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and

ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

YOU’VE BEEN ENTRUSTED GIFTS HOW ARE YOU INVESTING?

1 Corinthians 6:18-20, Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

You are the manager of your life not the owner!

Proverbs 3:9-10, AMP

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first fruits (the very best) of all your crops (income); Then your barns will be abundantly filled, and your vats will overflow with new wine. (every dimension of your life will overflow with blessings)

THE MASTER IS RETURNING

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU NEED TO DIG UP NOW?

If you dig up a hole and put inside what God has invested in you, you usually fall into that hole.

2 Corinthians 5:10, AMP For we [believers will be called to account and] must all

appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be repaid for what has been done in the body, whether good or bad [that is, each will be held responsible for his actions, purposes, goals, motives—the use or misuse of his time, opportunities and abilities]