

SURE FOUNDATION BIBLE STUDY

LESSON 5

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST

When are we disciples? The word "disciple" comes from the same root as the word "discipline," which has as one of its meanings, "training that develops both self-control and character."

What then is Christian discipleship? Perhaps the best definition is this: Self-training on the part of a believer in the Lord Jesus; A training that develops self-control, love, and Christian character.

Every believer, **every Christian**, has the obligation to become a disciple, constantly learning about the ways of the Lord and continually putting into practice those things which he has learned.

READY TO GO!

Begin today by praying for God's guidance. I Corinthians 2:13 tells us that godly wisdom is learned through the words of the Holy Spirit, the Bible. Through prayer we can assure ourselves of profitable study as the Holy Spirit gives us godly wisdom.

WHAT THE BIBLE HOLDS FOR YOU!

Before answering the questions that follow, please study and read the following verses: Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 1:14-17; Ephesians 4:11-32; John 12:21-50.

(Please answer in your own words)

1. What did Christian discipleship mean to Paul? (Romans 1:14-16) _____

2. What are some evidences of being a disciple of Jesus Christ?
Matthew 16:24 _____

Luke 14:26 _____

Luke 14:33 _____

John 8:31 _____

John 15:8 _____

3. How should you treat your enemies? (Luke 6:35) _____

4. What is the secret of Christian kindness and forgiveness? (Ephesians 4:32) _____

5. As Christians, what has God promised us in regards to our spiritual growth? (Ephesians 1:17) _____

6. Can you be a "secret" disciple of Jesus? Is that what God desires of you? (John 12:42; 19:38) _____

7. What things should we watch out for and stay away from?

Ephesians 5:3 _____

Ephesians 5:4 _____

Ephesians 5:5 _____

8. What level of maturity does God want from us in our spiritual lives? (I Corinthians 14:20) _____

9. How can we grow in maturity? What are some causes for not maturing? (Hebrews 5:12-14) _____

10. How important of a priority is knowing Jesus and being His disciple? (Philippians 3:7-11) _____

Write out the following Scriptures just as they are in your Bible.

11. Hosea 6:3 _____

12. John 8:12 _____

13. John 12:26 _____

14. I Peter 2:21 _____

15. What does Christian discipleship mean today? What is the best way to become spiritually mature?

MEMORY VERSE

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. (Matthew 16:24).

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Any questions?

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