



WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

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FOLLOWING IN ANOTHER'S FOOTSTEPS

When you were in school, who was your favorite teacher?

What set them apart from the rest for you?

Who was your least favorite teacher and what did you not like about them?

Do you think you would have done better in school if you could have chosen your own teachers?

What was your favorite subject?

Did you pursue higher learning in that subject?

How did you learn to do your job?

Is there a topic you desire to learn and seek more information about?

Where do you get your knowledge about God?

Do you intentionally spend time learning about what it means to be a follower of Christ?

In Jesus' day, both boys and girls attended school at the synagogue, learning to read and write. The Scriptures were the main textbook from which they learned to read. Like today, kids were sent off to school when they were 5-6 years old. After their basic schooling, young boys could choose to further their studies in the Scripture by following a rabbi (teacher). It was up to the student to choose who they would follow.

Where did the desire for further study originate from?

What is the difference between being told you have to go to school to learn something and choosing to go to school for a particular subject matter?

If you were looking for a teacher in a subject, what are some of the characteristics you would look for?

Based on these characteristics, do you think Jesus would have been a good teacher to follow? Why?

When a Jewish student decided to advance his education in the Scriptures, it was his responsibility to find the teacher he wanted to learn from. Then he had to convince the rabbi that his heart from sincere in his desire to learn. Once the rabbi was convinced, he would say, "Come follow me."

What are some signs people display when they aren't really interested in something?

What does a person who is dedicated to a subject look like?

Is there something you have been committed to?

The _____ to commit oneself to follow Christ begins in the _____.

ROOT OF THE DISCIPLE

The Hebrew word for "disciple" is _____.

A Talmid wasn't just a student. It was not enough to know what the teacher _____ (passing of knowledge), but it is the goal of the student to become the _____ of the teacher.

The root word of talmid is _____.

The Old Testament tells us that Tamid is a special offering made daily by priests. Two lambs were sacrificed every day—the first at the _____ hour and the second at the _____ hour.

These two lambs marked the start and finish of the sacrifices. Representing that Jesus' blood covered all our sins, from beginning to end!

The Tamid offering was to be...

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

How do these traits describe a follower of Christ?

Luke 9:23—

Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

Luke 9:62—

But Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Hebrews 12:28-29—

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful. By it, we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and awe, 29 for our God is a consuming fire.

What is the difference between the words TAMID and TALMID?

The letter with the L sound in Hebrew is the LAMID, which means "_____."

Another characteristic of the LAMID is that it is the tallest letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Because of this, it is considered to point to the "_____."

Without the L, you will have the _____ of sacrifice, but not the _____ of the "King of Kings." It's not enough to just know the right things to do. _____ without _____ won't endure.

Likewise, simply knowing who Jesus is without dedicating your life to serve Him is not enough to call yourself a disciple either.

NOT WORTHY

Can you name some of Jesus' disciples?

Of these 12 men, five of them came from a fishing background in Galilee—Peter, Andrew, James, John, and Phillip. Most of these men had already disqualified themselves from rabbi school. They had joined their father’s trade, but when Jesus saw them, He said, “Come follow Me.”

Why would Jesus call 12 very ordinary men to be His followers?

In what ways do we disqualify ourselves from making a lasting commitment to Jesus?

What are some of the lies the devil tells them about themselves?

You can say you _____ be a sold-out follower, but you can never say you _____.

Ask yourself these questions:

1. Do you have the passion (daily, consuming fire) inside you to devote yourself to be like Jesus?
2. Do you know He believes in you? Jesus has chosen you, and extended to you the invitation “Come follow Me.”
3. Do you long to spend time with Him?

**ONLY TO THE DEGREE WE COMMIT TO FOLLOW HIS _____,
WE WILL ENJOY HIS _____.**

PRAYER TIME

- Thank God for the forgiveness of your sins which deems you worthy to follow Him.
- Surrender your life to Him. Think about the areas of your life that you may still be trying to handle on your own. Can you give those areas to Him?
- Ask God to help you with your commitment and dedication to Him. We all fail from time to time. None of us are perfect. But God calls the ordinary and helps us as we go.