

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

NEW TESTAMENT WORDS FOR "DISCIPLESHIP"

akoloutheo (follow), which "denotes the action of a man answering the call of Jesus whose whole life is redirected in obedience."

mathetes (a disciple, student), "one who has heard the call of Jesus and joins him."

mimeomai (imitate), which "emphasizes the nature of a particular kind of behavior, modeled on someone else."

OUR MODEL

1 John 2:6 - Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

Matthew 11:29 - Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

THE QUALITIES

Mark 1:17,18 - Come, follow me, Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

COME, FOLLOW ME...

A disciple knows and follows Christ (Head)

You have to follow Christ with others (speaking to His disciples)

I WILL MAKE YOU...

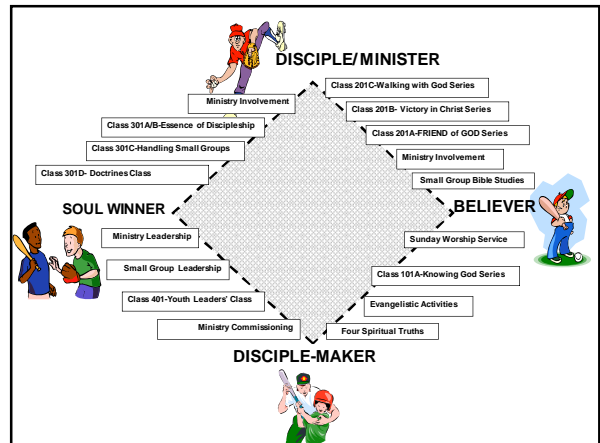
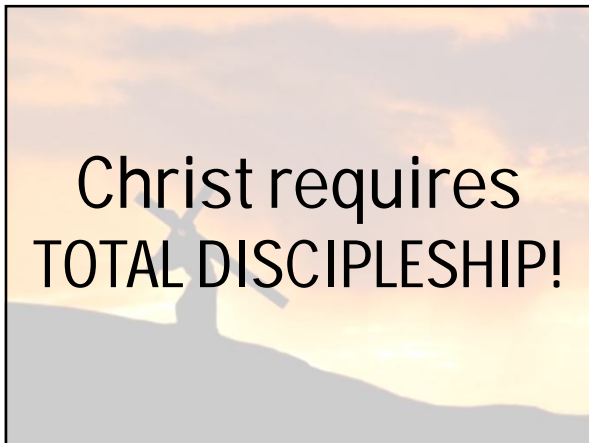
A disciple is being TRANSFORMED by Christ (Heart)

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV) - And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

FISHERS OF MEN...

A disciple is committed to the mission of Christ (Hand/Habits)

Matthew 28:19-20- "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you..."



LOST TO BELIEVER (101)

Matthew 11:28-30- Come to Me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke on you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest to your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

LOST TO BELIEVER (101)

Matthew 9:13 - But go and learn what *this is*, I will have mercy and not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

GROW, GLOW, GO!

2 Peter 3:18 - But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

GROW, GLOW, GO!

GROW in Character
GROW in Words
GROW in Soul-winning

We are called to become **DISCIPLES**, not mere believers!
(Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 14:27)

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BELIEVER TO DISCIPLE (201)

Luke 9:23 - And He said to all, if anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. (ref. Matthew 16:24, Mark 8:34)

DENY HIMSELF...

Rejection of self-will, ambition and self-desire to do things.

Galatians 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ, and I live; yet no longer I, but Christ lives in me.

Galatians 5:24 - But those belonging to Christ have crucified the flesh with *its* passions and lusts.

TAKE UP HIS CROSS...

Cross symbolizes death, shame and burden

Family conflict may arise (Matthew 10:34-37)

Personal sacrifices for ministry (Hebrews 6:10)

Reputation and Name (i.e. disowned by family, Luke 9:26)

FOLLOW ME DAILY...

We must obey God everyday (Matt. 7:21)

Disciples are measured by the things they obey (Romans 6:16)

Disciples do not look back (Luke 9:59-62)



DISCIPLE TO SOUL-WINNER (301)

Matthew 4:19 - And He said to them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.

DISCIPLE TO SOUL-WINNER (301)

All Christians are called to be **EVANGELISTIC!**

LOSE YOUR LIFE FOR CHRIST!

Mark 8:35-38 - For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."



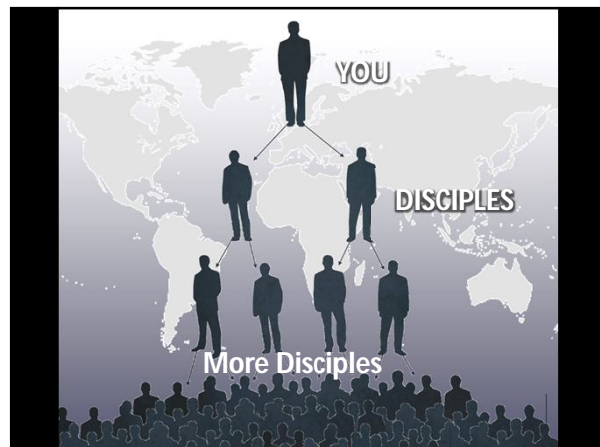
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SOUL-WINNER TO DISCIPLE-MAKER (401)

Matthew 28:19-20- Therefore go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days until the end of the world. (ref Mark 16:15)

SOUL-WINNER TO DISCIPLE-MAKER (401)

2 Timothy 2:2 -And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.



YOU HAVE HEARD ME SAY...

You must have a discipler/mentor

You must be WILLING to be
discipled

Mentoring types: Spiritual parents,
conferences, seminars, books

ENTRUST TO RELIABLE MEN...

FAITHFUL – Pure Heart, Servant,
Integrity

AVAILABLE – No Excuses

TEACHABLE – Willing to Learn

TO TEACH OTHERS...

The teaching cycle should never
stop.

You need to develop your leaders!

Discipleship should be
REPRODUCIBLE!



NO EXCUSES!

Luke 14:16-27 - "A man once gave a great dinner," replied Jesus, "to which he invited a large number of guests. At dinner-time he sent his servant to announce to those who had been invited, "'Come, for things are now ready.' "But they all without exception began to excuse themselves. The first told him, "'I have purchased a piece of land, and must of necessity go and look at it. Pray hold me excused.'

NO EXCUSES!

"A second pleaded, "'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and am on my way to try them. Pray hold me excused.' "Another said, "'I am just married. It is impossible for me to come.' "So the servant came and brought these answers to his master, and they stirred his anger. "'Go out quickly,' he said, 'into the streets of the city--the wide ones and the narrow. You will see poor men, and crippled, blind, lame: fetch them all in here.'

NO EXCUSES!

"Soon the servant reported the result, saying, "'Sir, what you ordered is done, and there is room still.' "'Go out,' replied the master, 'to the high roads and hedge-rows, and compel the people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you that not one of those who were invited shall taste my dinner.'"

NO EXCUSES!

On His journey vast crowds attended Him, towards whom He turned and said, "If any one is coming to me who does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes and his own life also, he cannot be a disciple of mine. No one who does not carry his own cross and come after me can be a disciple of mine."

NO EXCUSES!

REMEMBER: The guests were invited for DINNER!

