

## Disciple examination

Many Christians are confused over what a disciple is and how to become one. Read through these verses and respond to the questions.

In John 15:7-8

If you (1) abide in Me, and (2) My words abide in you, you will (3) ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.<sup>8</sup> By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Lets look at these two verses and see what God wants every believer to do and the blessed promise if we do!

Q- Is God a liar? \_\_\_\_\_

Q- Is there anything He can't do? \_\_\_\_\_

Q-Are His promises yes and amen? \_\_\_\_\_

Q- Does God force us to learn or obey Him? \_\_\_\_\_

Notice the first word, "IF". A choice one must make.

Q- Do you believe that every person God is adding to His church is ignorant to His purpose and will for their life? \_\_\_\_\_

Q-Who is responsible for making sure every new believer knows they are to become a disciple? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Description #1 To "abide in Me," One who has accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. **To abide in means to dwell within, only by receiving the gift of salvation.** What does John 1:12 make clear?

***John 1:12*** *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:*

2. Description #2 "My words abide in you"

Q-Do you believe that every believer needs to investing the time to learn the will of God for all areas of their life? Explain

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What do these verses exhort all believers to do?

**2 Timothy 2:15** *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

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**John 8:31** *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, ( If ) you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.*

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Q- Do you believe that every believer comes to Christ as a baby?  
Look up a few verses that support this.

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No new Christian automatically knows God's purpose for them as men or women.  
Q- Do you believe that statement? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe every new believer needs to learn these things?

- How to abide in Him and His Word each day. \_\_\_\_\_
- Foundational principles of the Christian faith \_\_\_\_\_
- His promises to them as His children \_\_\_\_\_
- How to walk in righteousness in all areas of their life \_\_\_\_\_
- If married how to be a spouse and raise children according to His Word? \_\_\_\_\_
- That they are to become a disciple of Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_
- What a disciple is \_\_\_\_\_

What does this vers mean to you?

Jhn 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

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3. Description #3 Jhn 15:7“ ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

This does not mean ask what you want, but what God wants for you!  
God wants us to 'OBEY", to desire what He wants for us.

Q-What does this vers mean to you?

**James 1:22** *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

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God said that if we “Ask” meaning to truly desire to do His will, what is the promise?

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God did not say, “our will,” but His will!

Q- Is God trustworthy? \_\_\_\_\_

It is only by God’s grace that we can do His will, to obey. But the big question is, Do people truly desire to do the will of God when we hear it?

What does this statement mean to you?

**God won’t do by miracle what He has asked us to do by obedience!**

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Q- Do you believe many Christians today treat the Word of God as a list of suggestions that one can pick and choose what they think is best for them and or their situation?

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What do you believe the consequences are for believing this lie?

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A common demonic philosophy today is that, since we are saved by grace, being obedient in all things does not really matter or have any negative consequences!

Read Gal 5:19-22 and describe the vast differences between walking in the will of God and walking according to what we feel is best.

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Do you believe that we must choose to treat the Word as direct instructions from God for us to obey? \_\_\_\_\_

What does this verse mean to you personally?  
*John 14:15* If you love Me, keep My commandments

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4. Description #4 Vs 8 Tells us God's promise, "IF" we do this: My Father is glorified, that you will bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples

Q-Do you desire to be more like Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

To glorified" Him means to reflect! His nature, but also His example of discipling others.

Q- Do you want to bear more good fruit in your life? \_\_\_\_\_

" bear **much** fruit Not some but much!

Q- Would you like to be able to teach other, to come alongside them for a season and share the things God has taught you? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think Jesus meant here? "you" will be My disciples"

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**These are the promises to us "IF" we make the time to learn!**

Read these verses and write out what they mean to you.

**Luke 6:40** *A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.*

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John 13:15-17 For I have given you **an example**, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you **if you do them**.

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**Jesus gave us the best example in discipling others!**

Jesus the Messiah of the World yet He MADE the time to disciple 12 men.

**Jesus was the best teacher...the Anointed One...yet after He taught, many times the Apostles sat at His feet and said, “What did you mean?” He didn’t say to them, I don’t have time. His ministry to others, healing or preaching, was not more important than discipling them! His life reveals the importance and value He placed on discipling others.**

Jesus taught them how these principles are to be lived out in their life. This is what discipling others is all about. Walking along side someone for a season of their life, helping them to understand and work out the instructions of God’s Word. Encouraging, exhorting and just as important EXAMPLIFYING Jesus before them.

Read Matt 28:19-20 and write out in your own words what these final words from Jesus mean to you.

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