

# True Disciples!

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DISCIPLE, *n.* AMERICAN DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE by Noah Webster 1828  
[L. *discipulus* from *disco*, to learn.]

1. A learner; a scholar; one who receives or professes to receive instruction from another; as the disciples of Plato.
2. A follower; an adherent to the doctrines of another. Hence the constant attendants of Christ were called his disciples.

DISCIPLE, *v.t.*

1. To teach; to train, or bring up.
2. To make disciples of, to convert to doctrines or principles.
3. To punish, to discipline. [*Not in use.*]

DISCIPLINE, *n.* [L. *disciplina*, from *disco*, to learn.]

1. Education; instruction; cultivation and improvement, comprehending instruction in arts, sciences, correct sentiments, morals and manners, and due subordination to authority.
2. Instruction and government, comprehending the communication of knowledge and the regulation of practice; as a military discipline, which includes instruction in manual exercise, evolutions, and subordination.
3. Rule of government; method of regulating principles and practice; as the discipline prescribed for the church.
4. Subjection to laws, rules, order, precepts or regulations; as, the troops are under excellent discipline; the passions should be kept under strict discipline.
5. Correction; chastisement; punishment intended to correct crimes or errors; as the discipline of the strap.
6. In ecclesiastical affairs, the execution of the laws by which the church is governed, and infliction of the penalties enjoined against offenders, who profess the religion of Jesus Christ.
7. Chastisement or bodily punishment inflicted on a delinquent in the Romish Church; or that chastisement or external mortification which a religious person inflicts on himself.

DISCIPLINE, *v.t.*

1. To instruct or educate; to inform the mind; to prepare by instructing in correct principles and habits; as, to discipline youth for a profession, or for future usefulness.
2. To instruct and govern; to teach rules and practice; and accustom to order and subordination; as, to discipline troops or an army.
3. To correct; to chastise; to punish.
4. To execute the laws of the church on offenders, with a view to bring them to repentance and reformation of life.
5. To advance and prepare by instruction.

DISCIPLE, *n.* THE AMERICAN COLLEGE DICTIONARY

1. one of the twelve personal followers of Jesus Christ
2. any follower of Christ
3. an adherent of the doctrines of another; a follower
4. *v.t.* to convert into a disciple
5. *Obs.* to teach; train

Thayer's GREEK-ENGLISH LEXICON OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

μαθητα, *mathetes*: a learner, pupil, disciple, opposed to διδασκαλος, *didaskalos*, *teacher*. (From μαθησκω, *manthano*: to learn, increase one's knowledge; to hear, to learn by use and practice.)

**Disciple:**

Matt. 28:16-20

Mark 16:14-20

John 8:31-32 **Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide (μενησθε) in My word, then you are truly (αληθως, *alethos*) disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."**

Luke 14:26-27, 33 hating father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, and own life; bear the cross and follow Jesus; forsaking all

Matt. 15 & Mark 7 transgressing the tradition of the elders (church)

Mark 4:11; 33-34 explaining everything clearly to his disciples, not to others

Matt: 24:3-4 explaining end-time truth.

John 21:14; showed himself, revealed himself to his disciples

Matt. 20:17-28 Jesus taught disciples servanthood, not lording.

Matt. 16:24-26; Luke 9:23-26; come, deny, take up your cross, and follow Me.

Matt. 10:1-42 teaching of discipleship

Mark 10:28-31 Leaving all to follow Jesus

Matt. 5, 6, & 7 all

RIGHTEOUSNESS: Matt. 6:1

ALMS: 6:2-4

**"If you (to the rich young ruler) wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." (Matt. 19:21). "They [the apostles] only asked us to remember the poor - the very thing I also was eager to do" (Galatians 2:10).**

PRAYER: 6:5-15

Matt. 9:37 **"Then He said to His disciples, The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."**

Acts 1:15 **"These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer..."**

Matt. 21:21-22 ; Mark 11:24 = promise of the answers to prayer to disciples.

FASTING: 6:16-18

Matt. 9:14-17 (fresh wineskins & both preserved); Mark 2:18-22; Luke 5:33-39 ("The old is good *enough*." NAS; "The old is better." KJV, Greek = comparative - more useful, suitable, manageable, or more pleasant, mild, more in order, less burdensome.)

TOTAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT: 6:19-34

Acts 11:26 "**And it came about that for an entire year they [Barnabus and Paul] met with the church, and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.**"

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