

Seven Marks of a Disciple

Disciple means – a *pupil/learner, follower*

THE STANDARD

Matthew 10:24, 25a “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master. ***It is enough for the disciple that he become as his teacher***, and a slave as his master.”

1. **Supreme Love for God** - *Who are you living for?*

Luke 14:26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, **he cannot be My disciple.**” (Clarity Mat 10:37:38)

Not that we hate them, but that our love for Jesus would be so great that it is as though we hate everyone else. Those we love most we do what they say.

2. **Love (agape) for One Another**

John 13:34-35 “A new commandment I give to you that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

3. **Remain/Abide in God’s Word (living how the Bible directs us to live)**

John 8:31-32 “If you abide in My word, **then you are truly disciples of Mine**; and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”

Like a marinating meat

4. **Give up ownership of all you possess** - *We are just stewards!*

Luke 14:33 “So therefore, **no one of you can be My disciple** who does not give up all his own possessions. “ (Context Luke 14:27-33)

Possession can be leverage points in our lives that can make us less or ineffective for God, if a person does not consider or count the cost.

5. **Denying self, take up your cross and following Jesus**

Luke 14:27, Matthew 16:24 Lk “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me **cannot be My disciple.**” Mt “Jesus said to His disciples, ‘if anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.’”

6. **Bear much Fruit**

John 15:8 “By this is My Father glorified that you bear much fruit, and **so prove to be My disciples**”

Souls	Rm 1:13; Col. 1:6
Giving	Rm 15:28
Spirit	Gal 5:22-23
Praise	Heb 13:15
Righteousness	James 3:18; Heb 12:11
Labor	Phil 1:22; Col 1:10

7. **Make disciples who makes disciples (2 Tim 2:2)**

Matthew 28:19-20 “**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”