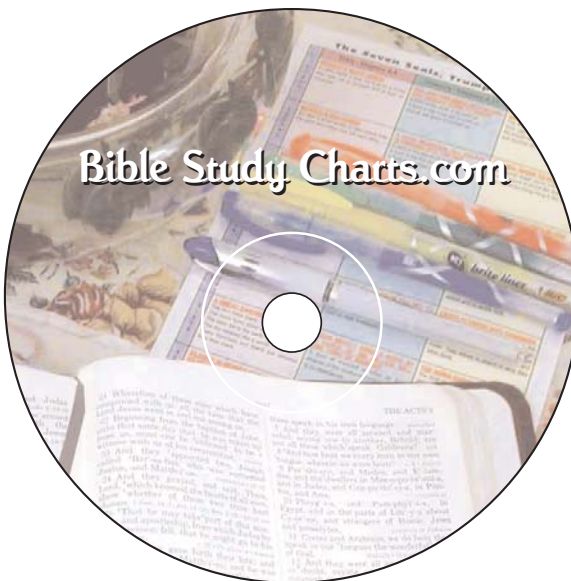


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12 Marks of a True Disciple of Jesus Christ

THE TERM “DISCIPLE” MEANS . . . A FOLLOWER AND AN IMITATOR

Before someone can be a disciple or follower of JESUS CHRIST, they must become a child of GOD.

But as many as received HIM, to them gave he power to become the SONS of GOD, even to them that believe on HIS name: John 1:12

For GOD so loved the world, that HE gave His only begotten SON, that whosoever believeth in HIM should not perish, but have everlasting life. For GOD sent not HIS SON into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through HIM might be saved. He that believeth on HIM is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten SON of GOD. John 3:16-18

THE 12 MARKS OF A TRUE DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

1. A true disciple of CHRIST is sincerely seeking to be like HIM. -

The disciple is not above his MASTER, nor the servant above his LORD. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his MASTER, and the servant as his LORD. Matthew 10:24-25

2. A true disciple of CHRIST lives a life of daily self-denial. -

And HE (CHRIST) said to them all, If any man will come after ME, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow ME. Luke 9:23

And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after ME, is not worthy of ME. Matthew 10:38

3. A true disciple of CHRIST has a real hunger for GOD'S WORD -

Then said JESUS to those Jews which believed on HIM, If ye continue in MY WORD, then are ye MY disciples indeed. John 8:31

O how love I THY LAW! it is my meditation all the day. Psalms 119:97

Therefore I love THY COMMANDMENTS above gold; yea, above fine gold. Psalms 119:127

I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for THY COMMANDMENTS. Psalms 119:131

4. A true disciple of CHRIST desires to serve HIM. -

If any man serve ME (CHRIST), let him follow ME; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve ME, him will my FATHER honour. John 12:26

5. A true disciple of CHRIST will truly love other Christians -

By this shall all men know that ye are MY disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 13:35

If a man say, I love GOD, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love GOD whom he hath not seen? 1 John 4:20

6. A true disciple of CHRIST will obey HIM and HIS WORD. -

If ye love ME, keep MY COMMANDMENTS. John 14:15

He that hath MY COMMANDMENTS, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth ME: and he that loveth ME shall be loved of MY FATHER, and I will love him, and will manifest MYSELF to him. John 14:21

6. A true disciple of CHRIST will obey HIM and HIS WORD. - continued

JESUS answered and said unto him, If a man love ME, he will keep MY WORDS: and MY FATHER will love him, and WE will come unto him, and make OUR abode with him. He that loveth ME not keepeth not MY SAYINGS: and the WORD which ye hear is not MINE, but the FATHERS which sent ME. John 14:23-24

Ye are MY friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. John 15:14

And hereby we do know that we know HIM, if we keep HIS COMMANDMENTS. He that saith, I know HIM, and keepeth not HIS COMMANDMENTS, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth HIS WORD, in him verily is the love of GOD perfected: hereby know we that we are in HIM. He that saith he abideth in HIM ought himself also so to walk, even as HE walked. Brethren, I write no NEW COMMANDMENT unto you, but an OLD COMMANDMENT which ye had from the beginning. The OLD COMMANDMENT is the WORD which ye have heard from the beginning. 1 John 2:3-7

7. A true disciple of CHRIST will live a spiritually fruitful life.

Herein is MY FATHER glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be MY disciples. John 15:8

Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Matthew 7:16-20

8. A true disciple of CHRIST will be punished by GOD when he sins.

For whom the LORD loveth HE chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom HE receiveth. If ye endure chastening, GOD dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the FATHER chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Hebrews 12:6,8

9. A true disciple of CHRIST will not love the evil of this world.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the FATHER is not in him. 1 John 2:15

Therefore if any man be in CHRIST, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

10. A true disciple of CHRIST is looking forward to seeing HIM.

Beloved, now are we the sons of GOD, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when HE shall appear, we shall be like HIM; for we shall see HIM as HE is. And every man that hath this hope in HIM purifieth himself, even as HE is pure. 1 John 3:2-3

11. A true disciple of CHRIST does not want to sin.

Whosoever is born of GOD doth not commit sin; for HIS seed remaineth in HIM: and he cannot sin, because HE is born of GOD. 1 John 3:9

12. A true disciple of CHRIST believes that HE is GOD.

Whosoever shall confess that JESUS is the SON of GOD, GOD dwelleth in him, and he in GOD. 1 John 4:15