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Am I a Disciple?

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I Corinthians 11:1 – *“Imitate me, as I also imitate Christ.”* (CSB)

(cf: I Corinthians 4:15-17, I Corinthians 10:32; Philippians 3:17, Philippians 4:9, II Thessalonians 3:7-9, II Timothy 3:10-11- these are on the back of the sheet)

So what exactly does it mean to be a disciple?

The word **disciple** refers to a student, pupil, apprentice or learner. A disciple is someone who has totally committed his or her life to the training and teaching of a master or a school of thought.

Practically, what makes one a disciple?

- 1) A **willingness** to admit his/her own **insufficiency**.
- 2) A **readiness** to do things that no one else will ever know about or **notice**.
- 3) An **eagerness** toward humility, accountability & teachability.
- 4) A **faithfulness** to what God is calling YOU to.

Why would anyone willingly say, “I’m going to follow Christ as a disciple & open myself up to all kinds of potential mayhem?”

Today’s Study in One Sentence: To **joyfully** live out the call to be a disciple is to embody Psalm 119:112 - *“I have made up my mind to obey your laws forever, no matter what.”*

1Co 4:15-17 HCSB

⁽¹⁵⁾ "For you can have 10,000 instructors in Christ, but you can't have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁽¹⁶⁾ Therefore, I urge you to imitate me. ⁽¹⁷⁾ This is why I have sent Timothy to you. He is my dearly loved and faithful son in the Lord. He will remind you about my ways in Christ Jesus, just as I teach everywhere in every church."

1Co 10:32 HCSB

⁽³²⁾ "Give no offense to the Jews or the Greeks or the church of God,"

Php 3:17 HCSB

⁽¹⁷⁾ "Join in imitating me, brothers, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us."

Php 4:9 HCSB

⁽⁹⁾ "Do what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you."

2Th 3:7-9 HCSB

⁽⁷⁾ "For you yourselves know how you must imitate us: We were not irresponsible among you; ⁽⁸⁾ we did not eat anyone's food free of charge; instead, we labored and struggled, working night and day, so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁽⁹⁾ It is not that we don't have the right to support, but we did it to make ourselves an example to you so that you would imitate us."

2Ti 3:10-11 HCSB

⁽¹⁰⁾ "But you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, and endurance, ⁽¹¹⁾ along with the persecutions and sufferings that came to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from them all."

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