

FOLLOW ME

John 15:1-8

HOW TO GROW AS A DISCIPLE

Being a disciple is a combination of abiding or resting in Jesus and a disciplined, active pursuit of Him. ~adapted from J. D. Greear, January 28, 2024 sermon

1. ABIDE in Jesus.

A. I have to BECOME a disciple.

- Romans 6:23 ESV, Romans 6:11-12, 2 Corinthians 6:9-11, 2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

B. I am EXPECTED to bear fruit, to grow.

- Romans 6:23 ESV, Romans 6:11-12, 2 Corinthians 6:9-11, 2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

C. What it LOOKS LIKE to abide in Jesus.

It is not: I do for Jesus.

It is not; What Jesus and I do together.

It is; What Jesus does in me.

- Zechariah 4:6, Philippians 2:13, Galatians 2:20



Only by thinking of all that Jesus is and all He is for us: His life, His death, His work, He Himself as revealed in His Word to be the subject of our constant thoughts . Not striving to have faith ... [but] resting in the Loved One entirely. ... “No longer I” ... [N]o thought of imitation now! It was the blessed reality of “Christ liveth in me.” And how great the difference! Instead of bondage, liberty; instead of failure, quiet victories. Instead of fear and weakness, a restful sense of sufficiency in Another. ~Hudson Talyor, Hudson Taylor’s Spiritual Secret, page 111-112

2. Be DISCIPLINED to ACTIVELY pursue Jesus.

A. God PRUNES me.

- James 1:2-4, Romans 8:28-29

B. God TRAINS me.

- Hebrews 12:11 ESV

C. I must INTENTIONALLY train myself.

- John 15:10, 14, Galatians 5:22-23

What do I need to repeatedly choose to do to help me abide in Christ and become more like Him?

