

57. DISCIPLESHIP BY MULTIPLICATION

One of the greatest problems in the churches today is the lack of follow up teaching given to new Christians. It is one thing to know the Bible, which many Christians know very well, but it is another thing to be able to teach it to new Christians, which few Christians ever do at all. Churches need to see the importance of and get involved in following up new Christians. This will solve the following problems that hinder church growth:

1. The Pastor has a great burden of soul winning and Bible teaching. He can't do it all by himself. The work can be **shared by others** if they are well taught on how to win and teach others.
2. Many church members have **never led anyone to Christ**. This can be solved by following them up and by teaching them how to share the gospel.
3. Many church members **do not know how to answer the cults**, and other false doctrines.
4. Many people come to church, but **never get established in growing spiritually**, then drop out.
5. Many people come to church, but **never make close friends**, so they leave and go elsewhere. Somebody helping them to grow would solve this problem.
6. Many church members are **bored** and **doing nothing to serve God**. They could easily arrange for a weekly Bible study to help a new Christian to grow.
7. Some church people **get taken away by cults** and **false doctrines** thus leaving the church believing error. The aim should be for everyone in a church being trained to:
 - i) grow spiritually themselves,
 - ii) win people to Christ regularly,
 - iii) teach others, establishing newer Christians in Basic Bible doctrine, so that they can grow to win and train others.

When this occurs, strong church growth in numbers and quality will take place.

This is summarised in:

- i) Hebrews 5:12 "For when for the time **ye ought to be teachers.**"
- ii) II Timothy 2:2 "And the things that **thou** hast heard of **me** among many witnesses, the same commit thou to **faithful men** who shall be able to teach **others** also."

Question: What do we learn about follow-up from these two verses?

1. Hebrews 5:12 states that **all** believers **ought** to be able to teach others, either one-to-one, in small groups, or to large groups.
2. In II Timothy 2:2 there are 4 human links needing to be in place for successful follow up to occur.
 - i) **Paul**. Paul taught a group of many witnesses, as a local church.
 - ii) **Timothy**. Timothy had to pass on what Paul committed to him to faithful men.

- iii) **Faithful men**. Faithful men had to teach others also.
- iv) **Others**. Others had to find faithful men to teach, who would pass these truths onto others.

3. If each person in this network faithfully teaches others also, the Christian population in a country will multiply rapidly. If each person commits himself to train one other person each year, then the number of believers can double each year according to the following table:

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
you	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	256	512	1024
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Year	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
you	200	400	800	1600	32,00	64,00	128,00	1/4 m	1/2 m	1 million
+				0	0	0	0			
Year	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
you	2mil	4mil	8mil	16mil	32 m	64 m	128 m	256m	512	1 billion
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4. If a famous evangelist won 10,000 people to Christ every day, after 30 years there would be 109 million people saved, which is only one-tenth of the multiplication network.
5. Why is the world not yet won to Christ? Because very few Christians bother to commit themselves to new Christians to properly train them to win and train others in a multiplying network. They give in to sin and laziness. They do not commit themselves to teaching others properly.
6. Discipleship by multiplication in the context of a local church is God's method of growth as seen in human population growth from Adam and Eve in 4074 BC to 6,000 million people alive today.
7. If you train just 1 person every year for 20 years, you personally will have trained only 20 people, but your network will have won and trained 1 million people in that 20 year period.
8. A Pastor should begin by teaching to a group of people the contents of this follow up book at least one night each week. Then these people should teach this material to faithful men, who will teach others also.
9. You must invest time teaching **faithful men**. Not every one will prove to be faithful. People must be faithful to : (1) God, (2) His Church, (3) The Bible, (4) To coming to training meetings weekly, (5) to regularly meeting with his faithful man, (6) to other members of the network.

1. DESCRIPTION OF MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES.

- Year 1:** You i) **win** one person to Christ, and
ii) train him to **win** people to Christ.
iii) train him in the **follow up material** in this book.
iv) **Impart a vision** to him to train and equip new Christians to win and teach others also.

Year 2: At the beginning of year 2, both you and your disciple **win one** and **train one** by repeating the 4 steps of year 1 (4 trained workers are at the end of year 2).

Year 3: At the beginning of year 3, each of the 4 **win one** and **train one** by repeating the 4 steps of year 1. (8 trained workers now).

Year 4: At the beginning of year 4, each of the 8 **win one** and **train one** by repeating the 4 steps of year 1. (16 trained workers now).

And so the process continues as people train other new Christians in the contents of this book.

2. RESULTS OF YOU ADOPTING THIS FOLLOW UP MINISTRY.

- i) If you and your network **win one** and **train one** every year for 33 years, the world will be won to Christ in 33 years.
- ii) Each decade, the number of people in your network multiplies by 1000. (ie. year 1, 2 people; year 10, 1000 people; year 20, 1 million people; year 30, 1,000 million people).
- iii) Multiplication is not very impressive until about the eighth or ninth year, where you have about 256 or 512 people in your network or Church.
- iv) This multiplying chain reaction often goes faster if your disciple brings their spouse or friend to be trained in your group at the same time.
- v) Everything depends on you thoroughly teaching your man so that he can win and teach others. The network breaks down if your man quits or can't inspire and teach those 3 generations from him.

You → 1st Generation → 2nd Generation → 3rd Generation
(Paul) (Timothy) (faithful men) (others)

Addition (just winning but not teaching them) looks more impressive initially, but fails dismally in the long term as the drop-out rate begins to break down the network by laziness, false doctrines and lack of training.

Schematically the network looks like this:

Paul → Luke
Tychicus (Colossians 4:7)
Trophimus → Ephesus Church (2 Timothy 1:3)
Titus
Priscilla and Aquilla

3. DEFINITION OF FOLLOW UP.

- i) **Follow up** is "grounding a new believer in the basics of the Christian life and service so that he can win and train others.
- ii) Follow up involves developing a **friendship** relationship and **teaching** them Bible and ministry skills.
- iii) Follow up is best done by a mature Christian assuming a **one-to-one** friendship with a new Christian or orphan Christian to aid his growth.
- iv) Complete definition of follow up:
Follow up is the **process by which a Christian in the local church, with a life worth emulating, commits himself for an extended period of time to a few teachable Christians in order to guide their growth to spiritual maturity.**
This is done by teaching **Bible** truths, Christian **character** and teaching them to **reproduce** themselves in a third spiritual generation.
- v) A **Disciple** is a Christian who is growing in Christ-like character by learning and applying the basics taught in this book.
A **Discipler** (or Teacher) is a Christian who is regularly leading people to Christ, and teaching them the contents of this book in personal follow up.
A **Multiplier** (or Pastor) is a disciplined, equipped Christian worker who is continually winning and teaching his spiritual children to reproduce themselves in the third generation.
- vi) **Multiplication follow up** is third generation teaching.

4. WHAT IS THE VALUE OF TEACHING OR DISCIPLING OTHERS?

Why is it so important that every Christian get involved in teaching (or discipling) others?

- i) **The value of teaching to Jesus Christ.**
Jesus Christ spent three and a half years teaching His twelve disciples all that He wanted them to know, so that when He was gone, they would carry on teaching others. He invested quality time in 12 men who would spread God's Word over all the world. His last words to His disciples were: "Go ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, **baptising** them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **teaching** them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you....." Matthew 28:19,20.
- ii) **The value of teaching to the Disciple.**
 - a) Discipling increases the disciples **growth rate**. It encourages them when they are depressed. It teaches them Biblical principles to help develop Godly habits.
 - b) Discipling **stops wrong behavioural patterns** in the disciple. He needs loving, gentle correction to stop wrong patterns of living. Spiritual victory comes sooner, as problems are prevented or nipped in the bud.
 - c) Discipling **protects** the disciple from Satan. Spiritual resistance against Satan comes by putting on the whole armour of God and becoming strong in God's Word.
"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Ephesians 6:15.

- d) Discipling provides the disciple with a **personal friend**. He needs new Christian friends to replace his old ungodly friends who will try to pull him back into the world.
- e) Discipling provides the disciple with **counsel**. Without a counsellor he might make wrong decisions or get involved in wrong activities.
- iii) **The Value of Discipling to the Discipler.**
- a) Discipling **brings joy** to the discipler when you see them grow and get victory.
"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." III John 4.
"For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even **ye** in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming." I Thessalonians 2:19,20.
- b) Discipling **purifies** the discipler's life. We mature as we minister the Word of God to people. My weak areas become apparent as I begin to disciple others.
- c) Discipling **develops ministerial skills**. The discipler learns how to teach and counsel his disciple. We learn how to guide someone into a ministry, how to inspire people to service, and how to preach and teach.
- d) Discipling **provides an outlet** for the discipler. By passing on what you learn, you stay fresh. The Sea of Galilee abounds with life because it takes in and gives out. The Dead Sea is lifeless because it takes in and never gives out.
- iv) **The Value of Discipling to the Local Church.**
It **strengthens** each church by developing Godly leaders. It **increases the number** attending each Sunday as you have trained people to follow up new contacts and visitors. It plugs the leaks. It **stops a church from dying** because it gets everybody working towards a common goal. It brings **more people to Christ** as you train more soul winners. Some of your trained workers will go out to **start other churches**.
- v) **The Value of Discipling to the World.**
- a) If Christians become disciplers, some will be **missionaries** to start churches overseas.
- b) It will help **reach the world** for Christ as our people get a world vision. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." Mark 16:15.
Ask Yourself: What am I doing that will have an impact on this world for Christ? What am I doing that will have eternal consequences? What is eternal?
- a) **GOD**. "The eternal God is thy refuge". Deuteronomy 33:27.
- b) The **Word of God**. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever". Isaiah 40:8.
- c) **People**. "the gift of God is eternal life....." Romans 6:23.
Will you invest your life in the things of this world which will shortly pass away, or will you invest your life in the eternal souls of people in rescuing them from hell so that they can enjoy heaven forever? Would you put your money in a company that was soon to go bankrupt? Nothing should motivate us more than to see people's **eternal souls** rescued from **everlasting hell** by the **eternal Word of God**.

5. **FACTORS AFFECTING FOLLOW UP.**

What factors must we practice to ensure effective follow up of those people that we see saved.

i) **Relationship**.

- a) The discipler must be in a right relationship with the **Lord** because he will be transferring his life's convictions to the disciple. "So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us." I Thessalonians 2:8.
- b) The discipler must cultivate a spiritual and close, trusting friendship relationship with the **person being disciplined**. "But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children." I Thessalonians 2:7.

ii) **Commitment** of time and energy.

Ask yourself: Do I believe in the importance of follow up? Am I willing to spend the time necessary to develop disciples? Am I willing to rethink my present activities and stop those that are not a priority? Our priorities should be rearranged so that we spend time with the Lord, time with our family, time each week going soul winning, and time each week in personal follow up of new Christians or Christians who are new to our church who may not hold our beliefs yet.

iii) **Concentration** on a few at a time.

Effective follow up will never happen if you attempt to work with too many people at one time. For multiplication to take place, your disciples need to become well trained and spiritually mature. Aim to work thoroughly with a few faithful and trustworthy people at a time who will reproduce themselves by winning and teaching others. Share the load by getting others to do follow up as well in a team situation in your local church. Don't let the many urgent needs around you pressure you into not concentrating on a few. Christ disciplined the twelve by concentrating on them in order to create the leadership necessary to adequately promote the growth of the early church.

iv) **Duration**.

Follow up may take one year or more per person. It will take time for the results of a multiplication ministry to become obvious to bystanders. Christ poured three years into the twelve apostles. During the last six months, He spent nearly all of His time with them. This insured massive multiplication of the early church over the next twenty-five years, yet there were only five hundred followers at His death.

If there was a better way, Christ would have used it. It takes multiplication three to five years to become obvious. Many Pastors and Christians are **spiritually short sighted**. They don't notice or appreciate the groundwork laid for a ministry over the years.

Get a vision for spending time with people to ensure quality follow up and multiplication. "A little one shall become a **thousand** and a small one a **strong nation**: I the Lord will hasten it in his time." Isaiah 60:22.

v) **Teaching and Training.**

Follow up = Teaching doctrine
+ Training in soul winning and personal Bible Study
+ Spiritual growth.

To do effective follow up and produce multipliers, your Timothy/disciple needs to be properly trained to start the process and to continue the process. Training needs to be easily transferred. How? By teaching the contents of this follow up book to all those who you lead to Christ. A new believer needs to join a sound, fundamental, soul winning, Bible teaching church that stands strongly for the truths contained in the Bible.

A lukewarm church will produce lukewarm Christians.

vi) **Environment.**

A new Christian's growth is dependent on the spiritual environment (church) that he places himself in. The degree of soul-winning and Bible teaching zeal of his church will control his spiritual vitality. A lukewarm, cold, Bible denying, liberal church or church with false doctrine can destroy his growth because that church denies Bible truths such as:

- i) Importance of Bible study and correctly interpreting Scripture.
- ii) Need to win people to Christ.
- iii) Filling of the Holy Spirit.
- iv) Loving fellow believers in truth. The Word of God is truth.
- v) Fruit of the Spirit needing to be exhibited always.

6. **QUALITIES ESSENTIAL TO SEE EFFECTIVE PERSONAL FOLLOW UP.**

Personal Follow up is imparting our own souls. I Thessalonians 2:8.

Factor 1: Be Open and Involved.

Allow yourself to become involved with another person. This is threatening because they may reject you. It is time consuming to build lives. Follow up is not just giving information, but helping people to **apply** what is taught.

View a new Christian how God does, as a new creature in Christ with potential to win many to Christ (II Corinthians 5:16,17). Don't be discouraged by his temporary lack of progress. He must know that you are there, that you really care, and that you are available and open to talk with and help him anytime. Confront people with their problems and help them to solve them. Have a **willingness to be honest** with him. Share Biblical solutions to all of his problems and questions.

Factor 2: Believe in the Importance of Follow Up.

This must be a lifelong conviction. This will determine the degree of your effectiveness. You are sure to encounter problems in following people up, but you must not give up this habit of follow up. We must continue in the face of problems. If your disciple drops out, go find someone else to disciple. Claim the promise of I Corinthians 15:58 that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. You are not wasting your time. He may come back later when he finds that sin doesn't help him.

Factor 3: Desire to be Used.

Question: Can you honestly say to God that you desire Him to use you?

Isaiah, after seeing how utterly sinful he was before God, was then in the right frame of mind to respond in full surrender to God's call on his life. "Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:8.

Paul desired to be used to help the church at Rome "For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established." Romans 1:11-13.

Our attitude should be: "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Matthew 5:6.

How can we show our desire to be used? Our words of commitment must be followed by actions. "But be ye **doers** of the Word, and not hearers only deceiving your own selves." James 1:22.

- a) Get as much training as possible in soul-winning, follow up & understanding Bible doctrine.
- b) Be consistent in outreach "in season and out of season." II Timothy 4:2.

Factor 4: Be Available.

God can use anyone, in spite of his limitations, as long as he is available.

- a) **Jeremiah**, after God's call found many excuses why he couldn't do what God wanted:
 - i) I cannot speak.
 - ii) I am a child. Jeremiah 1:6.
 - iii) He was untrained.
 - iv) He was afraid. Jeremiah 1:8.

God's answer is in Jeremiah 1:7,8,9.

- i) **Say Not**, I am a child.
- ii) Thou shalt **go** to all that I shall send thee.
- iii) Whatsoever I command thee thou shalt **speak**.
- iv) **Be not afraid** of their faces.
- v) I am **with thee** to deliver thee.
- vi) Behold I have **put my words** in thy mouth.

Jeremiah's excuses were a cover for his unavailability. Jeremiah became available when he saw that God could overcome his limitations.

- b) **Moses** at the burning bush is the best example of man's excuses and God's responses. Exodus 3:1-4:13. God calls Moses in Exodus 3:7-10 to bring Israel out of Egypt.

- i) **Moses first excuse:** "Who am I?" (3:11). Problem of **insignificance**. He considered himself to be just an average person and not cut out for such a big job. This was a faulty argument because: He was trained in Pharaoh's palace, and

God's response: "Certainly I will be with thee." (3:12).

God + an obedient yielded Christian = a majority.

A Christian is never a normal nobody. God being with you makes you an important somebody. Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippi 4:13

ii) **Moses second excuse:** "What is His name?" (3:13). Problem of **authority**. Many people feel that they have no authority to challenge people to be saved, to live for Christ, or to teach others in personal follow up.

God's response. "I AM hath sent me unto you." 3:14.

"For when for the time ye ought to be teachers." Hebrews 5:12.

Jesus said "All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, **baptising** them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **Teaching** them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18,19,20.

You have the authority to win people to Christ, and to teach believers in follow up because God gave it to you. When you use God's Word, empowered by His Holy Spirit, you are under His authority when you preach the gospel and teach the Bible.

iii) **Moses third excuse :** "They will not believe me." 4:1.

Problem of **lack of credibility**. Who would believe Moses?

God's response: God gave Moses a rod which changed to a serpent, a hand that could change to become leprous, and ten plagues proving God's power over Egypt's false gods.

God has given us the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, and a changed life to prove His power.

iv) **Moses fourth excuse:** "I am not eloquent." 4:10. Problem of **inability to speak well**.

God's response: "Who hath made man's mouth? Go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say." Our natural limitations are not a problem for God, but serve to reveal God's power all the more.

v) **Moses' fifth excuse:** "Send someone else." 4:13. Problem of **unwillingness**.

This was Moses' last excuse that caused God to use someone else, Aaron. If we are unwilling to go, then God will use another person to do the work and you will lose out on earthly blessings and heavenly rewards.

Moses was unwilling to be a speaker, so God used Aaron as Moses' mouthpiece. Hence unwillingness is the only limitation stopping God from using you.

Factor 5: Consistent Godly life.

If you hide secret sins, sooner or later they will be seen by people. Demonstration of a Christlike life is a very important factor in developing people. If you are Christlike, then your people find it easier to be Christlike. You will reproduce yourself. You will lead or mislead.

"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." I Corinthians 11:1.

"Be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." I Timothy 4:12.

False teaching is like canker or gangrene. (II Timothy 2:16,17).

When your disciple is mature, he will be like his teacher. (Luke 6:40).

Factor 6: Growing in Christ.

Continue to grow in your relationship with Christ. You'll never take anyone past where you've reached in your personal growth in Christ.

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:12-14.

Paul strove to grow more like Christ even near his death. If we are yielded to Christ and strong in the Word of God, we will be effective and fruitful in the Lord's service.

Factor 7: Overcome rebellion and bitterness.

If you can't accept yourself, you'll be afraid that others won't accept you either. This fear prevents you from being open and honest with people. Examples include:

i) We are unwilling to accept ourselves as God made us.

ii) We rebel against the parents that God gave us.

iii) We rebel against our financial position. We get resentful towards God for our "raw deal" and become bitter.

We should understand God's promises in:

i) Romans 8:28, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God."

ii) Philippians 4:11, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

iii) I Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give thanks"

Conclusion: Follow up = communicating our life by example + teaching Bible truths.

7. HOW PAUL DISCIPLED THE THESSALONIAN BELIEVERS.

Paul described how he taught them by showing them 15 qualities in I Thessalonians 2:1-20.

We should demonstrate these qualities also:

1. v.2 **Bold** in God to speak the Gospel with much contention.
2. v.3 **Exhortation** was not of deceit, uncleanness or guile.
3. v.4 Spoke not as **men-pleasers** but as God pleasers.
4. v.5 We didn't use **flattering words**, nor a **cloak of covetousness**.
5. v.6 **We didn't seek glory of men.**
6. v.7 We were **gentle as a nurse**.
7. v.8 We were **affectionately desirous** and were willing to impart the **Gospel** of God and our own **souls**.
8. v.9 Remember our **labour** and **travail** night and day.
9. v.10 Remember how **holily, justly** and **unblameably** we **behaved**.
10. v.11 We **exhorted, comforted** and **charged** everyone of you as a father doth his children.
11. v.13 We **thank God** continually, because ye received the Word as from God.
12. v.14 They became **Church members**.
13. v.14 They were **willing to suffer**.
14. v.17 We endeavoured greatly to **see your face**.
15. v.19, 20 Paul's **attitude:** Ye are our hope, joy, glory, crown of rejoicing at the Second Coming.

8. GOALS OF FOLLOW UP.

We should teach new believers to know and apply:

1. Assurance of salvation. Romans 10:13.
2. Security of the Believer. John 10:28.
3. God accepts you because of Christ. Ephesians 1:6.
4. Confess all known sin to God immediately. I John 1:9.
5. Tell someone that you are saved. Romans 10:9.
6. Record your spiritual birthday. John 3:3.
7. Put Christ first. Romans 12:1,2.
8. Daily Bible reading and study. I Peter 2:2.
9. Daily Prayer. I Thessalonians 5:17.
10. Commitment to a sound local church. Hebrews 10:24,25.
11. Soul winning at every chance. Matthew 4:19; Proverbs 11:30.
12. Guidance. Proverbs 3:5,6.

Teach the chapters in this book each week in personal follow up.

9. MARKS OF A DISCIPLE.

Christian discipleship is an all out commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives. Nothing less than unconditional surrender is a fitting love response to the sacrifice of Calvary.

"When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all." Isaac Watts.

Discipleship is our opportunity to tap the infinite resources of God. It is our chance to give our lives to something truly great, rather than to mediocrity. Christ confronts us with a choice: the path of discipleship or the path of mediocrity. Many start off well, but choose mediocrity later in life. They are not stayers. Will you drop out?

Why people don't want to make Jesus Lord:

1. Christ may ask us to **do** something that we don't want to do.
Answer: Who knows best, God or us? Psalm 84:11.
2. We think that we know what is best for us.
3. We are not sure that God has our best interests at heart.
Answer: God could make life unbearable for us if He wanted to. Jeremiah 29:11.

Let us now check our lives with these marks of discipleship:

1. Supreme love for Christ. Luke 14:26.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment." Matthew 22:37,38.

"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:26.

Hate: This means that our love for Christ must be so great that our great love for family members, and for ourselves, in comparison, would seem like hatred.

Many Christians choose to live a mediocre Christian life because they love themselves more than Christ. A disciple puts Christ first, and separates himself from sin, worldliness, and false doctrine. Ask yourself: "Is God first in all areas of my life?" A Christian should hate sin. A disciple seeks to live a godly, pure life. Old habits may cling to us, but the Holy Spirit can give us victory. "For sin shall not have dominion over you." Romans 6:14.
"Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts." Titus 2:12.

2. Deny himself. Luke 9:23.

When self is denied the throne of our life, Jesus may take the throne. The result is a demonstration of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22,23) by an attractive relationship with Christ and fellowmen. This shows itself in a desire to win people to Christ, Christlike character, stability and Christian maturity. Say: "Lord, what would thou have me to do?"

3. Take up your cross daily. Luke 9:23 and 14:27.

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, & take up his cross daily & follow me."

The cross is an instrument of death. We must die to our wishes, reckoning ourself dead to sin and alive to God. Yield our members as instruments of righteousness. Know. Reckon. Yield. Romans 6:11-13.

"I am crucified with Christ." Galatians 2:20.

"I die daily." I Corinthians 15:31. Dead men have no rights.

4. Follow Christ. Luke 9:23.

"Come after me." Luke 14:27.

Christ's life was one of complete obedience to His Heavenly Father. A disciple must also live in complete submission to God. Jesus constantly called people to "Follow me".

A disciple shows a **burden for soul-winning** he gives his testimony of salvation well, and presents the Gospel regularly and clearly.

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19.

A disciple is a **learner**. He is teachable, open to instruction, rebuke and encouragement from his leaders and fellow believers.

"A wise son heareth his father's instruction." Proverbs 13:1.

5. Forsakes all that he has. Luke 14:33.

"So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not **all** that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33.

This is the most difficult and unpopular of all the terms of discipleship. What does this mean? This does not mean to give away all that you have, but to **use all** that you have and are to further the gospel, glorify Christ and to build your church. A disciple **gives regularly** to his church (tithe) and gives offerings above the tithe to prove his love. (II Cor 8:8). The tithe is the obedience gift. The offering is the love gift.

6. **Love and Continue in the Word of God.** John 8:31.
"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.
A disciple has a consistent daily Bible study and prayer time, seeking God's face and communicating with Christ. "I lift up my soul unto thee." Psalm 143:8.

Do you hunger for and regularly take in God's Word? A disciple shows faithfulness to teach the Word, and takes time to hear, read, study, memorise and meditate on the Bible, applying it to his life.

7. **Love other Christians.** John 13:34,35.
"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13: 34,35.

We show our love to other Christians by:

- i) Practicing the **15 qualities** of love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, such as patience, kindness, humility and showing an unconditional concern for others.
- ii) A disciple is actively involved in a sound, Bible-believing **church**. Hebrews 10:24,25.
- iii) A disciple shows a **servant heart** by helping others.
"the house of Stephanus...have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints." I Corinth. 16:15.
Leaders are leaders because they are the greatest servants of others. The way up is down.

Challenge: Do you meet these conditions of discipleship? Are you a true disciple of Jesus Christ? What impact on the world will you leave behind after you've died?

How many people will have been saved and become disciples through your ministry at your life's end?

Yield yourself today to be a true disciple of Christ all your life. Seek to multiply disciples by personal follow up and by teaching them in your church.

Question 1: Ask a new Christian or Orphan Christian: "May we have a Bible study once a week, so that we can learn more about God's Word?"

Question 2: Ask "When?" Then keep that appointment every week, and use the Bible studies in this book as the basis of your Bible studies.