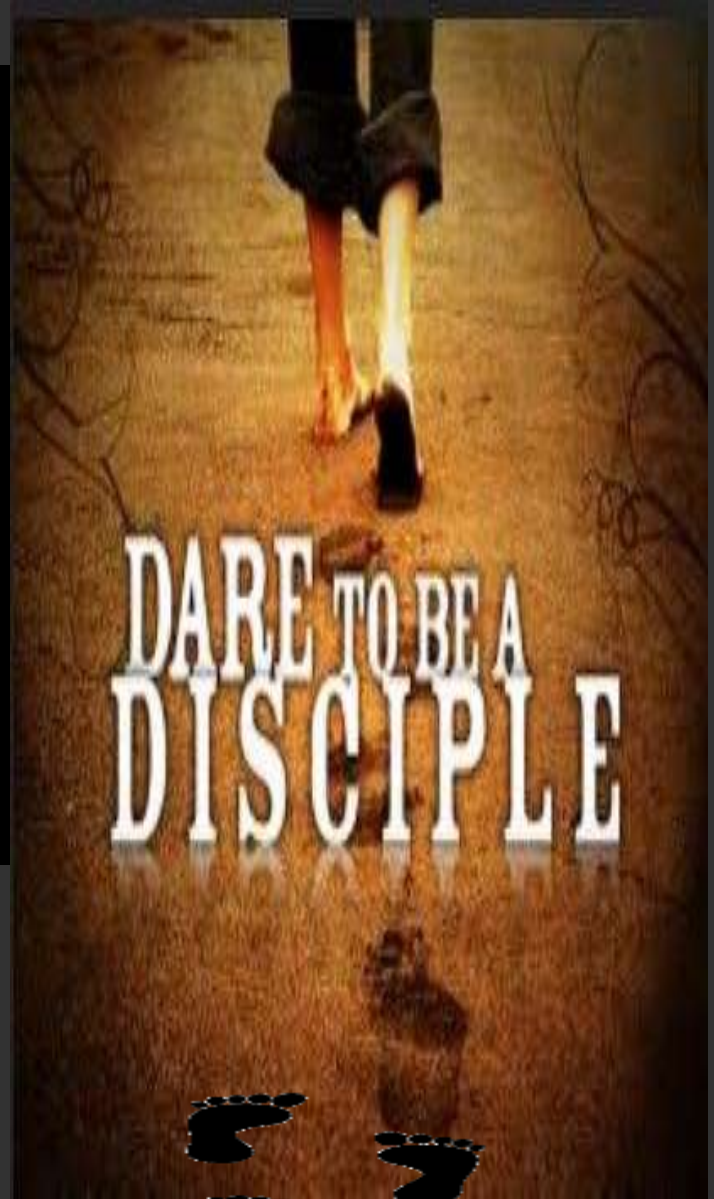


WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?



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- ❑ Do you know what a **d**isciple is?
- ❑ In fact, are you a **d**isciple for Christ?
- ❑ Well, this is one of the terms we commonly hear in the church, but what exactly does it mean is the question I was ask...
- ❑ Who qualifies as a **d**isciple, and what's required to become one?
- ❑ Folks, before Jesus ascended to the Father, He told His followers to make **d**isciples of all nations **(Matthew 28:18 – 20)**
- ❑ The word **d**isciple means a learner, one who follows another's teaching
- ❑ Although a variety of definitions have been used to describe this relationship, I would define a **d**isciple as one who learns of Jesus Christ **(John 14:15)**

ME AS
A LEARNER


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Show me your ways,
O LORD, teach me
your paths; guide me
in your truth and teach
me, for you are God
my Savior, and my
hope is in you all day
long.

- Psalm 25: 4-5

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- ❑ All faithful **d**isciples are Christians, but not everyone who attends church is a **d**isciple **(Luke 6:46)**
- ❑ Those who simply listen to sermons without applying what they learn or sharing Christ are not **d**isciples
- ❑ A true **d**isciple hungers for Christ and His Word and as a result grows in his/her Christian life
- ❑ Many churches today are more focused on numbers than **d**iscipleship, But Jesus was never impressed by the crowds that followed Him
- ❑ This was the situation in **(Luke 14:25 – 33)**. When large crowds were following Him, He told them what was required to be His **d**isciple 

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Psalm 2:11

Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.



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- Christ is not advocating that we should abandon our family members. He is making a contrast between duties of love
- To be Christ's **d**isciple, our obedience to Him takes priority over what our loved ones may expect or desire **(Matthew 6:24)**
- Throughout history, Christians have had to make hard choices in order to follow Christ, and we may be required to do the same **(Hebrews 11:36 – 37)**
- **D**isciples must be committed to obedience to Christ no matter what the consequences might be

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- **3) Discipleship is costly (Luke 14:28 – 32)**
- Jesus used two stories to illustrate this truth
- He described the importance of counting the cost before building a tower and of evaluating an army's strength before going to war
- Many people will sign up for an easier gospel that promises them only benefits, but that's not the message Jesus preached
- When He called His **d**isciples to follow Him, they left everything behind and devoted themselves fully to Him
- They and countless other **d**isciples throughout church history have endured hardship, suffering, and persecution, yet today we sometimes mistakenly assume the Christian life will be easy **(2 Timothy 3:12)**

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- ❑ **4) Full surrender of all we own**
- ❑ Jesus said, “So then, none of you can be My **d**isciple who does not give up all his own possessions” **(Luke 14:33)**
- ❑ When a rich, young ruler came to Jesus and asked what he should do to inherit eternal life, Jesus told him to sell everything he owned and give it to the poor **(Mark 10:17 – 22)**
- ❑ Brethren, He knew this young man was attached to his possessions, and that’s what was keeping him from wholeheartedly following Christ
- ❑ He also knows everything about our hearts too. We must recognize that God is the owner of all we possess, and we are just the caretakers
- ❑ A true **d**isciple of Christ walks through life with a detachment from the things of this world in order to become fully attached to Christ

*First
Things
First.*

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SEE THAT YE SERVE
[THE LORD]
WITH ALL YOUR
HEART, MIGHT,
MIND AND STRENGTH. D&C 4:2