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# advance in discipleship – Unable or unwilling – 09/28/18

**UNABLE OR UNWILLING?**

Jesus' disciples had the advantage of walking with Him for a few years. During that time Jesus told them over and over again what a true disciple looks like (Spiritually). Time and time again they miss it and allow their self-centered nature to rule their thoughts. Peter rebukes Jesus right after confessing Him as "the Christ". Jesus tells Peter, the crowd following and the other disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me" (Mark 8:31-34)

In chapter 9:33-34 we read again of the disciples focus on self. They just don't seem to "get it". Jesus again calls them to true discipleship 9:35-37.

In chapter 10:35-45 again the disciples fail to understand clear teaching by Jesus - The Master Teacher. Do the disciples exhibit an inability to understand Jesus' teaching or hard hearts that are unwilling to understand?

As a disciple maker you have to let God lead you in discernment when teaching your disciples. If they fail time and time again in practice or if they fail time and time again in the process of learning, are they unable to "get it" or are they unwilling? Take heart! Jesus dealt with the same problem.