

The Life of a Disciple

To be a disciple is to be a learner. Not just a student in the traditional sense, but one who is shaped, trained, and molded by the Teacher Himself.

The word disciple in Hebrew is the word *lim-mood*, and it means instructed, skillful, the taught ones. It comes from *lamad*, which speaks of diligent learning.

A disciple is not simply someone who believes, but someone who follows, absorbs, and applies what they have been taught.

We are disciples of Christ. We are the learners. And we are not learning on our own, we are learning from Him.

Jesus is the Teacher of teachers, and the Holy Spirit is our guide. Our life is a course, each day a lesson, every moment a classroom designed to bring us into greater wisdom and understanding.

When Jesus walked along the shores of Galilee, He called Simon, Andrew, James, and John; not to a lecture hall, but to a life of walking with Him. *“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”* (Matthew 4:19)

They left their nets, their boats, their livelihoods, and immediately followed. Their learning would not come from textbooks but from experience, from witnessing miracles, from wrestling with truth, from sitting at the feet of the Son of God.

This is how it must be with us, because the world becomes our classroom.

The disciples didn't just attend a few sermons on weekends, they lived with Jesus, they walked where He walked, listened to His words, asked Him questions, observed His ways; they spent every moment with Him.

It's the same with us! Every circumstance is a class, every challenge is a test, and every encounter is an opportunity to grow.

To live as a disciple means to recognize that life itself is a lesson. There are no wasted moments, no meaningless experiences. Everything is part of the curriculum of the Kingdom.

So Don't Miss Class!

How often do we miss the lessons God is teaching us?

We become distracted. We complain about circumstances instead of learning from them. We let hardships discourage us instead of refining us. We resist correction instead of embracing growth.

But Jesus calls us to stay present, to listen, to seek wisdom in every situation. He is always teaching, but the question is: are we paying attention?

But the most amazing thing is that our discipleship is not just about obligation, it is about joy.

The disciples sought out Jesus, eager to hear His words. When two of John the Baptist's disciples saw Jesus, they followed Him. "*Rabbi, where are You staying?*" they asked. And Jesus simply said, "*Come and see.*" (John 1:38-39)

This is His invitation to us as well.

Come and see. Come and learn. Come and walk with Me.

The greatest privilege of our lives is to sit under the teaching of the Master.

Wake up each morning expecting to learn, and embrace the lessons that are new each day, a disciples path is forever learning, and a disciple's joy is to follow his Lord.

Matthew 4:18-22 "And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them."

Matthew 9:9 "As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him."

John: 36-40 "And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?" He said to them, "come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it

was about the tenth hour). One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother."