

“DISCIPLESHIP — THE WALK OF A LIFETIME”

Bible Besties, discipleship is not a side hobby in the Christian walk—it *is* the Christian walk. It's the daily decision to follow Jesus with your whole heart, to learn from Him, to imitate Him, and to represent Him everywhere you go. When Jesus said, “Follow Me,” He wasn't inviting us to a casual stroll... He was calling us into a new life.

WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?

Discipleship is the process of learning, growing, and becoming more like Jesus day by day.

It's not perfection—it's progression.

It's not speed—it's surrender.

It's not knowing everything—it's knowing *Him*.

Jesus said: **“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”**

— *Luke 9:23 (NKJV)*

A disciple is someone who **follows, learns, applies, and lives out** the teachings of Christ.

WHAT EVERY DISCIPLE NEEDS TO KNOW

Here is your discipleship roadmap—simple, powerful, life-changing.

1. A Disciple Must KNOW JESUS Personally

A disciple isn't merely a church-attender or a Bible reader—they are someone who walks with Jesus.

Paul said:

“That I may know Him...” — *Philippians 3:10 (NKJV)*

Relationship comes before assignment.

2. A Disciple Must DENY SELF

Yes... and *amen!*

We should lay down our will to pick up His.

“He must increase, but I must decrease.” — *John 3:30 (NKJV)*

3. A Disciple Must TAKE UP THE CROSS DAILY

Not once... DAILY.

That means surrender today, surrender tomorrow, surrender next week—ongoing obedience.

4. A Disciple Must OBEY JESUS’ TEACHINGS

A disciple doesn’t just *hear* the Word—they *do* the Word.

“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.”
— *John 8:31 (NKJV)*

5. A Disciple Must SHOW LOVE

This is the *badge* of discipleship.

“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” — *John 13:35 (NKJV)*

Not by knowledge... not by titles... but by LOVE.

6. A Disciple Must BE TEACHABLE

You cannot grow where you refuse correction.

A disciple says, “Lord, teach me.”

7. A Disciple Must MAKE OTHER DISCIPLES

We don’t hoard the Gospel—we pass it on.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...”
— *Matthew 28:19–20 (NKJV)*

Disciples produce disciples.

8. A Disciple Must LIVE HOLY

We strive to reflect Christ in how we speak, act, respond, and treat others.

9. A Disciple Must WALK IN THE SPIRIT

Flesh-led disciples are weak. Spirit-led disciples are unstoppable.

“Walk in the Spirit...” — *Galatians 5:16 (NKJV)*

10. A Disciple Must ENDURE

Discipleship is lifelong—through good days, stormy seasons, spiritual battles, and triumphant victories.

“He who endures to the end shall be saved.” — *Matthew 24:13 (NKJV)*

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO READ YOUR BIBLE EVERY DAY

Daily Bible reading is not a chore... it is spiritual oxygen!

1. The Word RENEWS YOUR MIND

Romans 12:2 teaches us that transformation comes through renewing our mind with Scripture.

2. The Word STRENGTHENS YOUR FAITH

“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
— **Romans 10:17 (NKJV)**

No Word = weak faith

More Word = strong faith

A lot of Word = unshakeable faith

3. The Word TEACHES YOU GOD'S VOICE

Jesus said His sheep KNOW His voice (John 10:27).

How?

By hearing Him through Scripture daily.

4. The Word GUARDS YOU AGAINST SIN

**“Your word I have hidden in my heart,
That I might not sin against You.”**

— Psalm 119:11 (NKJV)

5. The Word EQUIPS YOU FOR YOUR ASSIGNMENT

2 Timothy 3:16–17 says God's Word trains, corrects, builds, and equips us.

Bible Besties... daily Bible reading isn't optional for disciples—it's essential.

HOLY HIGHLIGHTS ✨

✨ DISCIPLESHIP STARTS WITH A YES

The moment you say “Yes, Lord,” the Holy Spirit begins shaping you.

✨ DISCIPLESHIP IS A DAILY JOURNEY

Not once a week. Not only on Sundays. DAILY surrender, DAILY growth, DAILY transformation.

✨ DISCIPLES REFLECT JESUS

The world learns who Jesus is by watching how His disciples live.

When you walk into a room full of God's love, peace, joy, and truth—you preach Jesus without saying a word.

WALK LIKE JESUS, LIVE LIKE JESUS, LOVE LIKE JESUS

Discipleship is a life-long invitation to go deeper.

Deeper in love.

Deeper in truth.

Deeper in surrender.

Deeper in Jesus.

Say today,

“Lord, make me Your disciple. Teach me. Mold me. Lead me. I will follow.”

And then—

Follow Him with all your heart.

DISCIPLESHIP QUIZ — Fill in the Blanks

1. Jesus said, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his _____ daily, and follow Me.”
2. “By this all will know that you are My _____, if you have love for one another.”
3. A disciple must not only hear the Word but _____ the Word.
4. “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the _____ of God.”
5. The Great Commission calls us to “Go therefore and make _____ of all nations.”
6. Discipleship requires a heart that is _____ and willing to be corrected.
7. A disciple must walk in the _____ to avoid fulfilling the lust of the flesh.
8. Daily Bible reading renews the _____ and strengthens faith.

9. Jesus said, “If you _____ in My word, you are My disciples indeed.”

10. Love is the visible _____ of discipleship.

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ANSWER KEY

1. cross
2. disciples
3. do
4. word
5. disciples
6. teachable
7. Spirit
8. mind
9. abide
10. mark