

## Disciple 201 – Chpt 10

### Increasing in the Lord

Opening prayer and comments on progress in Study so far.

Ephesians 4: 11 – 12, And it was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, [12](#)to equip the saints for works of ministry and to build up the body of Christ, [13](#)until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, as we mature to the full measure of the stature of Christ.

Luke 11: 9 – 13, So I tell you: Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. [10](#)For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? [12](#)Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? [13](#)So if you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Mark 4: 26 – 28, Jesus also said, "The kingdom of God is like a man who scatters seed on the ground. [27](#)Night and day he sleeps and wakes, and the seed sprouts and grows, though he knows not how. [28](#)All by itself the earth produces a crop—first the stalk, then the head, then grain that ripens within.

The Lord's desire is to grow us but he needs us to apply faith in our desire to grow. Our faith is the fuel he needs to work change in our life. In "James" it is said we have not because we ask not... We must trust the Lord to bring us into maturity. Maturity is a relative term. A 9 year old finds a 12 year old, 'big', a 16 year old even more. A 20 year old has some maturity, a 30 year old has reached a maturity to have their inheritance. Jesus came of age at 12. At 20, Jews were able to share in the Father's business. Jesus did not have sin hindering his development and received his Anointing at 30 years old. We don't have to wait until 30 years to serve the Lord but there is a timing to be ready for what God is calling you to. Comment.

Luke 10: 21 – 24, At that time Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and declared, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was well-pleasing in Your sight. All things have been entrusted to Me by My Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him." Then Jesus turned to the disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. [24](#)For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

1 Corinthians 12: 27 – 28, Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a member of it. [28](#)And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, and those with gifts of healing ...

To those who sincerely seek God and give themselves trust and learn to follow by his Spirit, The Lord will reveal himself. There is a cost, and it is in your carnality. He will try you and bring out issues for you to surrender to him. It is like an onion being peeled but he will complete his work if you trust him to. Discuss.

Pray through Deliverance Prayer Guide and pray for greater work of sanctification before closing meeting.