BELIEVER/DISCIPLES WEEK 5

CBC COMMITMENT-Disciples-BE ONE....MAKE ONE! Simple definition of a DISCIPLE:

STRONG FAITH "EVERYDAY" is the will of God!

The Ten Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus from the Word of God! A disciple...

- 1. Must be a genuine believer (John 11:25-26, John 3:14-18, John 6:64-71)
- 2. Bears MUCH fruit (John 15:8).
- 3. Holds Jesus as the object of highest affection (Luke 14:26).
- 4. Allows themselves to be conformed to Jesus will (Luke 14:27).
- 5. Patterns their life after Jesus (Luke 14:27).
- 6. Loves others (John 13:35).
- 7. Stewards Jesus possessions rather than clinging to them (Luke 14:33).
- 8. Abides in God's Word (John 8:31).
- 9. Is a BAPTIZED believer (Matthew 28:19-20)
- 10. Is actively involved in making OTHER disciples (Matthew 28:19-20)

Unanswered questions from last week's eternal security

Unforgivable sin

Matt. 12:22 Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute was brought to Jesus, and He healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw. ²³ All the crowds were amazed, and were saying, "This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?" ²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons." ²⁵ And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided

against itself will not stand. ²⁶ "If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷ "If I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? For this reason they will be your judges. ²⁸ "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²⁹ "Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. ³⁰ "He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters. ³¹ "Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven him; but whoever speaks a word against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

Sins that are abominations to God are many...

From idolatry to unfair scales to ungodly sexual relationships to wickedness of various kinds, **abominations separate people from God**. Really, all sin (missing the mark of God's perfection) can be considered an abomination.

All sin separates us from God and is detestable (Romans 3:23; 6:23. God's hatred of sin makes Christ's sacrifice on the cross all the more remarkable. It was at the cross that "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God" 2 Corinthians 5:21

Are there sins that will keep you out of heaven? COR and GAL quoted 1Cor. 6:3 Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more matters of this life? ⁴ So if you have law courts dealing with matters of this life, do you appoint them as judges who are of no account in the church? ⁵ I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not among you one wise man who will be able to decide between his brethren, ⁶ but brother goes to law with brother, and that before unbelievers?

Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be

defrauded? ⁸ On the contrary, you yourselves wrong and defraud. You do this even to your brethren. ⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Compare Galatians with 1 Cor. 6

Gal. 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. ¹⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Compare use of "Practice. Gk. Prasso" with Apostle Paul's use of Practice/Prasso in Romans chapter 7

So does this mean we can sin all we want and not worry about our salvation?

Rom. 5:18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. ¹⁹ For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the

obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? ² May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Saved, being saved, will be saved.....ALL ARE TRUE WE ARE NEVER WORTHY.....but HE is!

BEEF???. WORD???

Turn to Luke 14:25

Condition Number 7

Luke 14:25 Now large crowds were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷ "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. ²⁸ "For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ "Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ "Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and

consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² "Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ "So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

Luke 16:10 "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you? "And if you have not been faithful in the use of that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Parable of the Talents-Jesus talking about end times!!!!!!!! POINT: It doesn't matter HOW MUCH YOU ARE GIVEN.....IT'S HOW YOU STEWARD GOD'S STUFF THAT MATTERS!!!

Matt. 25:13 "Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour." "For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. "To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey.

POINT: Everyone has been given a choice...to trust Jesus or Not!

AND, every BELIEVER has been given a second choice...to

STEWARD God's Stuff or spend it all on yourself....The Choices
you make, as a believer, BOTH require faith...ONE to get saved by
and the OTHER is FAITH TO LIVE BY. (Faith=Noun AND Verb)

¹⁶ "Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. ¹⁷ "In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more. ¹⁸ "But he

who received the one talent went away, and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ "Now after a long time the master of those slaves *came and *settled accounts with them. 20 "The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.' 21 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 "Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.' 23 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 "And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. 25 'And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.' 26 "But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed. 27 'Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. 28 'Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.' 29 "For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. 30 "Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 31 "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32 "All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; 33 and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.

Would anyone have the courage to ROB GOD? TEST GOD IN THIS

Mal. 3:8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. 9 "You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you! 10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows

Is this an Old Covenant Law or NT Principle?.....AND a Condition of a Disciple ©

YES...IT IS ALL THREE....

What is the difference between Tithe and Offering?

<u>Tithe=10% and Offering is anything given as free will offering over tithe</u>

Personal Testimony

I don't care if you tithe to this church.....But, I do want to see you blessed financially...!

Sowing/Reaping Principle....!

IN THE END, IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO TRUSTING GOD, WITH HIS STUFF \odot

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Communion/Gospel

Why do we do this EVERY week??????

ACTS 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Red for Blood, **Purple** for Royalty (King of Kings and Lord of Lords)