

# Authentic Discipleship

*“By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.” (John 15:8), English Standard Version*

Not all who claim to be \_\_\_\_\_ are genuinely \_\_\_\_\_.

## Why Be Concerned About Discipleship?

A. Who is a disciple?

1. “Disciples is found more than \_\_\_\_\_ times in the gospels and in \_\_\_\_\_. It means “a person who \_\_\_\_\_ from another.”
2. Matthew 28:19,20 - \_\_\_\_\_ said to go \_\_\_\_\_ disciples of all \_\_\_\_\_, teaching them to \_\_\_\_\_ His commands.
3. Acts 11:26 – Before they were called \_\_\_\_\_, they were known as \_\_\_\_\_ (found \_\_\_\_\_ times in the NT).

B. Are there degrees of discipleship?

1. John 19:38 – Was it OK for \_\_\_\_\_ to be a \_\_\_\_\_ disciple?
  2. Matthew 13:18-23 – Of the \_\_\_\_\_ kinds of soil, only \_\_\_\_\_ of them brought forth \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. John 15:8 – We \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to be disciples by \_\_\_\_\_ much \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. John 15:5 – Those who \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ bear \_\_\_\_\_ fruit.
- C. Acts 22:3 – Paul was committed to learning from \_\_\_\_\_. He left \_\_\_\_\_ to move to \_\_\_\_\_ for this reason.

## Some Marks Of Authentic Discipleship

A. Inspired statements about authentic discipleship:

1. Luke 14:26 – Do I “\_\_\_\_\_” my own \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Luke 14:27 – Am I willing to \_\_\_\_\_ my own \_\_\_\_\_ and follow \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Luke 14:28 – Have I \_\_\_\_\_ the cost of being a disciple, or is my soil \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Luke 14:33 – Will I \_\_\_\_\_ all that I \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ?
5. Luke 6:40 – Am I prepared to be \_\_\_\_\_ trained? That’s what it takes to be like our \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Acts 18:23 – Do I see my need to be \_\_\_\_\_?

B. Marriage requires a strong \_\_\_\_\_; so does discipleship.

Matthew 12:49,50 – Jesus’ disciples are His \_\_\_\_\_.

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