#### Lesson 15 Living as a Disciple

**Some helpful tips for a Discipler**

1. Be sure your dependence is on God & Jesus

*John 15:4-5*

*4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.*

*5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. (KJV)*

2. Keep in mind that Christ chose you and He brought your Timothy/Timothett to you.

*John 15:16*

*16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. (KJV)*

3. Demonstrate genuine affection toward them but stay objective. Even Jesus was sometimes frustrated with His disciples.

*John 13:1 1 Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. (KJV)*

*Mark 8:17-18 17 And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?*

*18 Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember? (KJV)*

4. Maintain humility

*John 13:14-16 14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.*

*15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.*

*16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. (KJV)*

5. Practice Christian acceptance and tolerance rather than rejection.

Don’t be too shocked when they tell you something bad or have done something bad. Hate the act NOT the person. There is no sin that Christ did not die for.

*Luke 7:47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. (KJV)*

6. Pray constantly for them because Jesus has already prayed for you.

*John 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; (KJV)*

7. Give them something to do. As you have found out by now that you are learning more than they are. Let them do a word study or character study and then you talk about it. Or do one together.

8. Both of you share each others insights, failings, sorrows and joys. Don’t be afraid to mention something you need prayer about. Tell them how much you need their prayers and update them on the situation.

Rom 12:15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. (KJV)

9. Encourage them always.

1Thes 5:11 Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing. (NAS)

Heb 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. (KJV)

10. WHAT DO YOU NEED?

Review Lesson # 15 **Living as a Disciples**

**1. A Disciple lives by Faith**

A. It is faith not facts that is the foundation we live by. Our faith can be so strong that we accept it as fact. A fact is something that you yourself have experienced with your senses. It is a fact to us when we have **heard** with our ears, **touched**, **tasted**, **smelled**, or **seen** with our eyes

*2 Cor 5:7 7 We live by faith, not by sight. (NIV)*

*John 20:29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (NIV)*

*<Gal 2:20>, <2 Cor 1:24>, <Heb 10:38-39>, <Heb 11:1>*

 B. What we think are facts can be **deceiving** to us.

1. How many of us are fooled by a magician's illusion? How many times have we assumed history books to be factual and later found them to be wrong?

*Matt 24:24 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. (KJV)*

 C. Facts should be used to **support** our faith Not the basis of our faith.

1. Thomas had stronger faith after he experienced the resurrection of Christ through his sense of touch and sight.

*John 20:27-28 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." 28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" (NIV)*

2. There are often new scientific and archeological finds that support the reliability of the bible.

**11. A Disciple lives with joy.**

 A. Christ came so that we may have joy based on him not our **circumstances**.

*John 15:11 11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. (NKJ)*

*James 1:2-3 2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. (NIV)*

*<Rom 15:13>,<1 Pet 1:8>, <1 Pet 4:13>, <Ps 132:9>, < I Jn 1:4>*

B. God’s **PROMISE** is clear

*Rom 8:28 28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (NIV)*

*Heb 13:5 5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (KJV)*

**111. A Disciple lives in obedience**.

 A. We may have to go through **suffering** to learn obedience.

*Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; (KJV)*

**IV. A Disciple produces fruit.**

A. A disciple is to be productive and reproduce. Like any fruit tree, if it is not part of **reproducing** another tree like itself, that type of fruit will become scarce. Consequently, a fruit tree drops **plenty** of **seeds**, all of its fruit carries a seed in order to reproduce. By their fruit we will know the tree.

*Matt 7:16-20 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. (NIV)*

B. No tree can produce fruit by itself. It needs nourishment, pollination, pruning and a good root (the vine) system. Jesus is what we need. We cannot bear fruit without him. The root system is what keep us stable in the time of storms.

*John 15:4-5 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5* ***"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing****. (NIV)*

**1V. A Disciple lives his / her life as an example just as examples were set for us.**

 A. Jesus

*John 13:15-16 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. (NIV)*

*1 Pet 2:21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. (NIV)*

 B. Paul

*II Th 3:7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, (NIV)*

C. To Timothy

*1 Tim 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. (NIV)*

 **V. What is the Resource for such a remarkable Life?**

 A. It is our **death** and the **IN-DWELLING** Christ.

*Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (KJV)*

 B. God is the one who does the **doing** in our lives. All that He calls us to do, He is planning to do through his own mighty power.

*Phil 2:13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. (NIV)*

 C. We can do **ANYTHING** God wants us to do.

*Phil 4:13 13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength. (NIV)*

*Luke 1:37 For nothing is impossible with God." (NIV)*

1 What God wants us to do may sound **IMPOSSIBLE** until we understand that He is the one who is **FAITHFUL** to bring His will to pass.

 *1Thes 5:24 The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. (NIV)*

Assignment:

 1 Continue with your daily quiet time, prayer and praise list, Sermon notes, Ect. pray for the opportunity to witness at least once a day)

 2 Memorize Galatians 2:20

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