**To Be A Disciple:**

* **You Must Be Like Christ**
* **Do for the Lord as He wants & Do for the world as it needs**
* **Live For God**
* **Don’t Be a Stumbling Block**
* **Let People See Godly Living In You**

**Be like Christ – Philippians 2:1-7**

**2**Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29380a)]affection and compassion, **2**make my joy complete [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29381b)]by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. **3**Do nothing [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29382c)]from [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29382d)]selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; **4**do not *merely* look out for your own personal *interests*, but also for the *interests* of others. **5**Have this attitude [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29384e)]in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, **6**who, as He *already* existed in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29385f)]grasped, **7**but [[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29386g)]emptied Himself *by* taking the form of a bond-servant *and* [[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29386h)]being born in the likeness of men.

### Moses’ Face Shines – Exodus 34:29-35 (Small Group)

**29**And it came about, when Moses was coming down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the testimony *were* in Moses’ hand as he was coming down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because of his speaking with Him. **30**So when Aaron and all the sons of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to approach him. **31**Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers in the congregation returned to him; and Moses spoke to them. **32**Afterward all the sons of Israel came near, and he commanded them *to do* everything that the Lord had spoken [[aa](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=exodus+34&version=NASB#fen-NASB-2529aa)]to him on Mount Sinai. **33**When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. **34**But whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with Him, he would take off the veil until he came out; and whenever he came out and spoke to the sons of Israel what he had been commanded, **35**the sons of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses’ face shone. So Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with Him.

**Live for God – 1 Peter 3:13-22 (key verse 1 Peter 3:15) – Dr. Joel? (Small Group)**

**13**And who is [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+3&version=NASB#fen-NASB-30425f)]there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? **14**But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you [[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+3&version=NASB#fen-NASB-30426g)]are blessed. And do not fear their [[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+3&version=NASB#fen-NASB-30426h)]intimidation, and do not be in dread, **15**but [[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+3&version=NASB" \l "fen-NASB-30427i" \o "See footnote i)]sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a [[j](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+3&version=NASB#fen-NASB-30427j)]defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect; **16**[[k](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+3&version=NASB#fen-NASB-30428k)]and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who disparage your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame. **17**For it is better, if [[l](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+3&version=NASB#fen-NASB-30429l)]God should will it *so*, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong. **18**For Christ also [[m](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+3&version=NASB#fen-NASB-30430m)]suffered for sins once for all *time, the* just for *the* unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the [[n](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+3&version=NASB#fen-NASB-30430n)]spirit; **19**in [[o](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+3&version=NASB#fen-NASB-30431o)]which He also went and made proclamation to the spirits in prison, **20**who once were disobedient when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water. **21**Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God [[p](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+3&version=NASB#fen-NASB-30433p)]for a good conscience—throug the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **22**who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

**Don’t Be a Stumbling Block – 1 Corinthians 8:7-13 (small group)**

**7**However, not all people have this knowledge; but some, being accustomed to the idol until now, eat *food* as if it were sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. **8**Now food will not bring us [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+corinthians+8&version=NASB#fen-NASB-28523c)]close to God; we are neither [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+corinthians+8&version=NASB#fen-NASB-28523d)]the worse if we do not eat, nor [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+corinthians+8&version=NASB#fen-NASB-28523e)]the better if we do eat. **9**But take care that this [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+corinthians+8&version=NASB#fen-NASB-28524f)]freedom of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. **10**For if someone sees you, the one who has knowledge, dining in an idol’s temple, will his conscience, if he is weak, not be strengthened to eat things sacrificed to idols? **11**For through your knowledge the one who is weak is ruined, the brother *or sister* for whose sake Christ died. **12**And so, by sinning against the brothers *and sisters* and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. **13**Therefore, if food causes my brother to sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause my brother to sin.

### Disciples and the World – Matthew 5:13-20

**13**“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=NASB#fen-NASB-23248d)]can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by people.

**14**“You are the light of the world. A city set on a [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=NASB#fen-NASB-23249e)]hill cannot be hidden; **15**nor do *people* light a lamp and put it under a [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=NASB#fen-NASB-23250f)]basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **16**Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

**17**“Do not presume that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. **18**For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not [[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=NASB#fen-NASB-23253g)]the smallest letter or stroke of a letter shall pass from the Law, until all is accomplished! **19**Therefore, whoever nullifies one of the least of these commandments, and teaches [[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=NASB#fen-NASB-23254h)]others *to do* the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever [[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=NASB" \l "fen-NASB-23254i" \o "See footnote i)]keeps and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

**20**“For I say to you that unless your righteousness far surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Q:** If Jesus Christ resurrected from the dead and proclaimed victory over death, hell, and the grave, why do so many Christians look just like the world, living defeated lives?

Matthew 28:18-20 – The Great Commission

**DISCIPLESHIP**

* In Biblical times, a disciple referred to anyone studying under, and trying to emulate, a valued teacher.
* Discipleship is a process of not only holding onto your faith, but growing in it so that you may lead others toward Christ.
* In order lead others to Christ, we have to understand what it’s like to be like Christ.
* Discipleship is an integral part of the growth of the Christian today. It is the process of leading others by example to follow Jesus Christ through obedience to God’s word and the leading of His Holy Spirit.

Discipleship is absolutely necessary since Jesus, Himself, commanded His followers in the Bible to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them, and teaching them to obey all of His commands (Matt 28:19-20).

Just as a son grows up to reflect the values and characteristics of his parent, so the disciple should reflect the life of Christ as he follows the example of the person discipling him. That is why the Apostle Paul could say with confidence in **1 Corinthians 11:1** – “*Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ”*

To become a disciple means to become a life-long learner, a student of Jesus Christ. Followers of Christ will always be disciples, and after proper discipleship, they become makers of disciples. The discipleship process begins internally, within the heart. The internal change that takes place in the heart results in the external change of one’s behavior, mindset, and lifestyle.

This external change is indisputable once the love of the Lord Jesus Christ enters a heart; as a result, a person that was once angry, bitter, and selfish is now joyful, peaceful, and loving. A true disciple counts the costs before committing to follow Jesus Christ, since this is the greatest life decision a person could ever make (Luke 14:27-30).