

PRINCIPLES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

"...All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18 - 20

The Great Commission is great. It includes:

A Great **Claim**: *"all authority in heaven and earth has been given to Me"*
(The Lordship of Christ in all areas of life.)

A Great **Commission**: *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations"*
(The whole church taking the whole Gospel to the whole world.)

A Great **Command**: *"teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*

A Great **Promise**: *"And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."*

"Entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others." 2 Timothy 2:2

Discipleship is not complete until the disciple is discipling. A disciple is a learner. Discipleship is the process of following the Lord in relationships of accountability with other believers. It involves studying the Bible and discovering and practising what it means to follow Christ.

A Disciple Follows Christ

"Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

A Disciple Holds to Christ's Teaching

"If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples." John 8:31

A Disciple Listens to Christ

"My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me." John 10:27

A Disciple Serves Christ

"Whoever serves Me must follow Me; and where I am, My Father will honour the one who serves Me." John 12:26

A Disciple Glorifies God by Bearing Fruit

"This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples." John 15:8

A Disciple Gives up Everything for Christ

"In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has, cannot be My disciple." Luke 14:33

A Disciple Denies Himself and Takes up His Cross

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.'" Matthew 16:24

A Disciple Loves Other Believers

*"All men will know that you are My disciples if you **love one another.**"*

John 13:25

A Disciple Endures Suffering

*"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should **follow in His steps.**"*

1 Peter 2:21

A Disciple Separates Himself from Sin and Becomes Useful

*"If a man **cleanses** himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, **useful** to the Master and **prepared** to do any good work."*

2 Timothy 2:21



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