

## KEY ISSUES IN PERSONAL DISCIPLESHIP

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"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."

John 15:16

**A. Discipleship Needed:** Christianity must reproduce, expand and conquer.

**B. Discipleship Explained:** Follow up of new believers and development of saints.

**C. Discipleship Understood:** Biblical maturing is essential to the church.

### KEY ISSUES

#### I. Personal Interest:

1. Love others with personal commitment.
2. Anticipate problems and offer solutions.
3. Vision for their future and potential.

#### II. Positive Action:

1. Critical follow up...The child must grow.
2. Personal attention....one on one is impressive.
3. Planned proven system of organized follow up.

#### III. Punctual Contact:

1. Keep in touch....no substitute for personal reoccurring attention given.
2. Chart their progress....encourage and direct.
3. Repeated guidance....address weaknesses...commend strengths.

#### IV. Provide Materials:

1. Bible and good literature for study.
2. Promote reading and memorization of scripture.
3. Recommend a good church.

#### V. Preserve Converts:

1. Continued friendship and guidance.
2. Maintain personal interest...they must not fall through the cracks.
3. Keep them focused and growing.

#### VI. Promote service:

1. Teach them how to reproduce.
2. Challenge them to start on their friends and relatives.
3. Get them involved and working for God.

VII. Provide Accountability:

1. Have them pick a Godly friend.
2. Become active in a good church.
3. Set up accountability with others.

Perpetuating Christianity:

1. We all share in the responsibility. Mark 16:15
2. Time is getting short. Eph. 5:16
3. The dividends are out of this world.

**REACHING OUR OWN PERSONAL DISCIPLESHIP**

**Conditions of Discipleship:**

(1). THERE MUST BE A HATING:

"If anyone come after me and hate not father and mother and brother and sister and self he cannot be my disciple" Luke 14:26.

Translate "hate" as love-less...Christ must be first in our love.

(2). THERE MUST BE A CROSS BEARING:

"Whosoever does not bear his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple" Luke 14:27.

True discipleship requires hardship, discipline and perhaps death.

(3). THERE MUST BE A FORSAKING OF ALL:

"Whosoever forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple" Luke 14:33.

We must be willing to "give up", "go" or "be" whatever He desires from us.

(4). A DENIAL OF SELF:

"Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself" Mark 8:34.

Faithful service will always require personal sacrifice and discipline.

(5). FOLLOWING JESUS:

Take up his cross and follow me"

Christ must be your daily pattern with day by day obedience.

**Personal Evidences of Discipleship:** (1). Continuance in the Word...John 8:31.

(2). Brotherly Love.....John 13:35.

(3). Spiritual Fruit.....John 15:8.