

DISCIPLESHIP

As you read these quotes from the Word, think about what they tell us about being a disciple or follower of the Lord.

Readings from the Lord's Word:

Jesus said, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (see John 8: 31-32).

"To follow the Lord" is to acknowledge, to obey, and to act and live from the Lord and with Him (*Apocalypse Explained* 864).

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35).

"Being the Lord's disciple" means being led by Him and not by self, thus by the good and the truths which come from the Lord and not by the evils and falsities which come from the person (*Arcana Coelestia* 10490:6).

These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them... "As you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:5, 7-8).

"Go...and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20).

True-False Questions for Discussion:

Mark whether you think the following statements are true or false, then discuss with others. (*Please note that answers may vary. At least one question could be answered either way and so make for an interesting discussion.*)

1. Whether we are doing what is right or wrong doesn't matter, so long as we say we believe in the Lord.
2. Knowing what is true (from the Word) and doing it is what makes us free.
3. We can't do miracles the way the Lord's disciples did, so we can ignore Matthew 10 when thinking about our mission as disciples of the Lord.
4. The Lord wants us to share the good and true ideas we've been given so that we can assist others who are willing to listen and who want the Lord's help.
5. We can't be a disciple of the Lord unless we are continually led by Him rather than by self.