



The Disciple: Fruitfulness
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A spiritually mature disciple is GROWN and SHOWN in their relationships with those around them.

What is a disciple of Jesus?

How would you recognize one? What do you look for?

A Disciple of Jesus obeys the teachings of Jesus

*“This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.”
John 15:12*

A Disciple treats people the way Jesus would

*“But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”
Luke 5:30*

A Disciple focuses on the heart not external perceptions

*“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.”
Matthew 23:27*

*⁴³ “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. ⁴⁴ Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. ⁴⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart.
Luke 6:43-45*

A Disciple is on a transformation journey – from the inside out.

“The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

*²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.
Galatians 5:19-25*

A Disciple doesn't separate loving God and loving others.

Our relationship with our heavenly Father is connected to how we do relationships with one another.

*Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.
1 John 4:20-21*

*“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.
Matthew 5:23-24*

*“You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.
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A Disciple is only going to produce fruit when connected to Jesus

*“Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.”
John 15:5*

“FOLLOW ME” - Jesus

Questions: Read John 15:1-17

How are you doing on your journey of becoming more like Jesus?
How is this evidence in the way you have treated people lately? Are you more kind, gentle, patience, and self-control?

How does someone follow Jesus today? What does this practically look like daily?

If Jesus was to give you directions how to treat people in your life, what would change tomorrow? What can change tomorrow?



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