

Disciples Of Christ

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

([Matt 16:24-26](#) 🔊)

Vines Greek NT words define the word disciple as one who follows one's teaching. He further states a disciple was not only a pupil but imitators of their teacher.

*Listen to the sharpness of Jesus' words in ([Luke 14:25-27](#) 🔊, 33 Read)

*John Wesley said "If I had 300 men who feared nothing but God, who hated nothing but sin, and were determined to know nothing among men but Jesus Christ and Him crucified, I would set the world on fire".

*Let us all think on this question: "Am I disciple of Christ?"

(1) What is it to be a disciple of Christ?

1) It is to follow after Him

([Matt 4:19](#) 🔊) Jesus said to Peter and Andrew "Follow me"

*As sheep follow their shepherd

*As servants follow their master

*As soldiers follow their commander

([Col 2:6](#) 🔊) "As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him."

2) It is to have the same aim (desires) Jesus had

*Which is:

1) Obey His Father's will

2) To seek the lost

([Phil 2:5](#)) "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

(2) Who can be a disciple?

([Matt 16:24](#)) "If any man will come after me"

*There are those who have pretended to follow Jesus but have never accepted Him truly in their hearts.

*Vance Havner said "One of our biggest problems today is that most of our church people have never made up their minds to follow Jesus Christ".

([John 2:19](#)) "They went out from us, but they were not of us."

*To be His disciple means you counted the cost and found it acceptable.

([Luke 14:28](#) Read)

*What is the cost?

1) It is dying out to former sins

2) It will cost you your worldly reputation with men. You are separated for Christ.

(3) A disciple lives in self-denial

([Matt 16:24](#)) “Let him deny himself.” Take myself out of the picture and let Christ have all.

1) We must not admire nor boast on ourselves

(I Cor 1:31) “He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.”

2) We must not lean to doing things our own way ([Prov 3:5](#) ,6 Read)

3) We must deny ourselves a family life if they seek to pull us down or hinder us ([Luke 14:26](#) ,27 Read)

4) We must deny ourselves for our brothers and sisters

([Rom 15:1](#)) “We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak.”

([Gal 6:2](#)) “Bear ye one another’s burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ.”

(4) A disciple has his own responsibility

(vs 24) “and take up his cross”

*In closing notice 3 important truths:

1) Every disciple has his own cross

([Gal 6:5](#)) “For every man shall bear his own burden.” Something you and I must do ourselves.

2) Every disciple must take up the cross daily

([Luke 9:23](#)) “Let him deny himself and take up his cross daily”

*Everyday you make a choice: To follow Him or deny Him

(I Cor 15:31) Paul said “I die daily”

3) Every disciple reveals the Lord Jesus in their cross

(II Cor 4:10 Read)

To be a disciple for Christ, let us pray the same prayer of an unknown Christian: “Lord send us men with hot hearts”.