

Membership † **Discipleship** † Leadership

John 13:34-35 *"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."*

I am a disciple of _____.

A follower of Jesus Christ who studies the scriptures and diligently seeks to comply with what God commands. Jesus said *"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed."* (John 8:31)

"Shine Light Shine!"

† Proverbs 4:7 *"Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding"*

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

As a disciple, God wants to release His glory through us. It's time to be exactly who God designed you to be. You are a part of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Pet. 2:9). Is it possible to be a disciple living in darkness? There's a light within all of us that needs to shine so that others may see our good works to glorify God (Mt. 5:16). We do a disservice to the kingdom when we dim our light to benefit others. When the blind men were crying out to Jesus, the multitude warned them to be quiet but they cried out all the more. Jesus stood still, touched their eyes, they received their sight and followed Him (Matt. 20:29-34). When your light shines bright, others may feel intimidated. Say what God told you to say and do what God called you to do. The Lord said to Jeremiah *"Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant."* You have great work to do. When trying to build the Kingdom for God, you should have a mind to work. *"I am doing a great work....why should the work cease?"* (Neh. 6:3). It's our responsibility to demonstrate the love of God. There's no reason to feel inferior when God's light shine within us all. Direct them to the light that gives everlasting life. Jesus is the light of the world (Jn. 8:12).

The Bible says, *"And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed"* (Jn. 3:19-20). Light not only exposes what is hidden in the darkness, but light also shows the way out. *"Put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him"* (Col. 3:10).

† Romans 12:2 “... be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

John said “I decrease so he may increase” (Jn. 3:30). It’s not about us. We manifest His love and His compassion to transform lives. The importance of illumination is for spiritual enlightenment. Light is the only weapon against darkness. Night has its season but you don’t have to be hindered by a night season (Ps. 30:5). In the natural, darkness does not prevent us from driving. That’s why we have headlights, to guide us through darkness. Therefore, in the spirit, nothing should prevent us from destiny. The Holy Spirit guides us through darkness. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and we are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power (Col. 2:9-10).

On this discipleship journey, we must make progress daily (2 Cor. 4:16). The lepers were cleansed “as they went” because Jesus told them “Go, show yourselves....” (Lk. 17:14). God is doing something in you that must come through you. What are you showing of yourself? Is your light shining to draw others to the knowledge of Jesus Christ? The word is a lamp to your feet and a light to your path (Ps. 119:105). It’s the light that God provides that directs us. The source of light is important. Jesus is the light! Illumination of light does not come to showcase you, it comes to show others what God is doing in you and through you. Don’t use the light as a limelight. Our light should highlight the God in you. The spotlight should always be on God.

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.” By Marianne Williamson

† Psalm 119:11 “Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.”

Day/ Week of	Daily Reading	What verse had the most impact?
Monday <input type="checkbox"/>	Ecclesiastes 7-9	
Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Ecclesiastes 10-12	
Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Song of Songs 1-4	
Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	Song of Songs 5-8	
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	Isaiah 1-3	
Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Isaiah 4-6	
Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	Isaiah 7-9	

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