

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)

"Eliminate Limitations"

Expect † Explore † Exceed

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

Although the enemy seeks to steal, kill and destroy, we have an advocate fighting on our behalf at all times (Jn. 10:10). Jesus comes to correct us from evil (Heb. 12:3-11) and protect us from the evil one (Eph. 6:10-20). It requires work on our part (Eph. 2:10). As a disciple, we must exhibit qualities and characteristics that boldly inform the enemy that we're prepared to reclaim, regain and maintain our life of abundance as promised by our Savior. The Bible warns us consistently to be aware of and on watch for the schemes of the enemy. We have to be persistent about our purpose because the enemy preys on our plans. *"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us"* (Heb. 12:1-2). God does not put limits on us. His commands were designed to prosper us not to limit us. If the Bible says that we can do all things through Christ, why attempt to prosper without Him? Expect, explore and exceed your expectations – you shall endure to the end.

We should greet each morning with great expectations. Having an attentive ear to the Lord will train your tongue to speak His word (Is. 50:4). The expectation should be to have an encounter with someone to share the message of salvation with. When the angel spoke to Philip, he went as instructed. As a result of his obedience, the eunuch was baptized and believed Jesus Christ to be the Son of God. Study Acts 8:26-40.

Exploring every God-given opportunity will increase your faith. Fear will promote missed opportunities for you and others. Peter said to Jesus "command me to come to you." He was willing to explore what God had planned for him. It was fear that caused him to fall but Jesus did not allow him to drown. Step out on unwavering faith and explore all that God has created you to be. Study Matthew 14:22-33.

Exceeding what's expecting is a challenge but it's obtainable. People will count you out due to your past. The Apostle Paul is an extraordinary example of transformation. He had a past that most people would think was unforgivable. One day he saw the light that resulted in his total conversion. Through the direction of the Holy Spirit Paul exceeding what man thought of him. God used him in a mighty way to establish the foundation of the church. Study Acts 9:1-31

† 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.*”

Routine check-ups are necessary to maintain good health. For a healthy heart, we should administer a **Spiritual EKG** to ensure that our will does not interfere with His Will. All things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to *His* purpose (Rom. 8:28).

Eliminate complaints: Complaining is an outward expression of an inward examination. It’s a reflection of how you feel about yourself and the God you serve. We don’t have to pretend that problems don’t exist. However, use it as an opportunity to demonstrate that you have a relationship with the problem solver, Jesus Christ (Phil. 4:6-7). When we complain to others it disrupts the atmosphere and displeases God (Num. 11:1). Experiencing discouragement, discontentment and dissatisfaction is not a time to complain to people, it’s a time to get in the presence of God (Phil 2:14-16). Expect to eliminate spiritual blockage in the heart caused by ungratefulness. If God brought you to it, He’ll see you through it.

Kneel in prayer: Prayer is two-way communication with God. If we’re to pray without ceasing (1Thes. 5:17), of course we can’t always pray in a kneeling position. However, it’s important to understand that the posture of kneeling in prayer before the Lord demonstrates humbleness and submission (Rom. 14:11). Explore ways to eliminate limitations by trusting God as your source. Ask, Seek and Knock (kneel in prayer) and God will answer (Mt. 7:7-8; Lk. 11:9-10)!

Gain an understanding: We often quote the familiar scripture “lean not on your own understanding” (Prov. 3:5). Unfortunately, skepticism is the comfortable choice that we lean to. Usually, our skepticism is dangerously inaccurate because of the evidence that our natural eyes present to us. It is imperative that we gain an understanding of what the Word of God said concerning our lives. Understand that you can do all things through Jesus Christ (Phil. 4:13)! Fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith (2 Tim. 4:7). You can and you will fulfill your purpose because you will continue until it’s complete (Acts 20:24). Eliminate Limitations!

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

Day/ Week of	Daily Reading	Which Bible verse had the most impact?
Monday <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremiah 7-9	
Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremiah 10-12	
Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremiah 13-15	
Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremiah 16-18	
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremiah 19-21	
Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremiah 22-24	
Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremiah 25-27	

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