

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)

"Abide in My Word"

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

Being a disciple encompasses us to surrender to the sovereignty of God. If we desire to abide in Him and He abide in us (Jn 15:5), it is imperative that we increase our knowledge of His Word. The scripture says **IF** you abide in My word, you are... (Jn 8:31)! To be followers of Jesus Christ, you must be a student of the scriptures. God communicates to us through His Word. All scripture is given by inspiration of God (2 Tim 3:16). We should not be inspired to grow intellectually but fail to grow spiritually. The Bible is our spiritual guide and source of strength to maintain salvation. Joshua 1:8-9 says *"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Remember, God wants all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind (Matt. 22:37; Mark 12:30). You cannot deceive Him by quoting religious clichés and hypocritical emotionalism. He knows when you draw near to Him with your mouth, and honor Him with your lips but your heart is really far from Him (Matt 15:8). Ask God to illuminate your understanding of His Word so that you may comprehend what is written in His Holy scriptures. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we must be spirit led by the Word of God to eliminate demonic influence and false doctrine. The Word of God is truth (1 Th 2:13)! What is your understanding of John 1:1-5?*

If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him (Eph. 4:21):

- i. Make a decision (v22) *that you put off, concerning your former conduct*
- ii. Move in the direction (v23) *and be renewed in the spirit of your mind*
- iii. Maintain discernment (v24) *and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness*

† 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.”

God shows us how essential the bible is to our daily lives. In Matthew 4:1-10 and Luke 4:1-13 when Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, He relied on what was written in the Holy Scriptures to overpower the tactics of the devil. It’s vital that we come into the knowledge of truth so that we may not be influenced by deceitful doctrine and demonic trickery. The devil will attempt to trick you by using the word and telling you what is written. All who desire to live Godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them* (2 Tim 3:12, 14). The tempter will come to contradict what God has said. Your knowledge of the Word will prevent you from being defeated. We **MUST** receive the Word of God with all readiness, and search the Scriptures daily to find out what is true (Acts 17:11). When Jesus was telling the devil “It is written,” which Old Testament scriptures was He quoting?

- “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” _____
- “You shall not tempt the LORD your God.” _____
- “You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.” _____

Disciples diligently discover Divine Doctrine (2 Tim 2:15). We abide in His Word = We live and we move and we have our being **in** Him (Acts 17:28). “*Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*” (John 6:68-69)

| Day/ Week of | Daily Reading | What verse had the most impact? |
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| Monday <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 Chronicles 4-6 | |
| Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 Chronicles 7-9 | |
| Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 Chronicles 10-12 | |
| Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 Chronicles 13-15 | |
| Friday <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 Chronicles 16-18 | |
| Saturday <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 Chronicles 19-21 | |
| Sunday <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 Chronicles 22-24 | |

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