

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)

"Full-Time Student"

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


Obtaining and maintaining Salvation is the primary purpose of the scriptures. There are several methods of studying the Bible but only one motive – Salvation from the Savior! He is the beginning and the end, the first and the last (Rev. 22:13) so it really doesn't matter where you start in the Bible, as long as you maintain your spiritual commitment to studying. Some scholars and theologians have provided various strategies and techniques for studying the Bible. You may find these tools to be very useful on your journey. However, if you're not studying your Bible, you are making a mistake (Matt 22:29). You establish a greater relationship with the Savior when you get acquainted with the scriptures. There is a process to discovering the truth and revealing the facts about the Holy Bible. Is it a conversation or command? Is it a problem, a promise, a prophecy or a parable? We get confused when we enter into our study time with preconceived thoughts and opinions. His thoughts are not our thoughts (Is. 55:8). Seek wisdom and get an understanding (Prov. 4:7). When things are hard to understand, sometimes untaught and unstable people twist the Word which leads to destruction (2 Pet. 3:16-18). We must study diligently to present ourselves approved unto God...rightly dividing the word of truth (1 Tim 2:15).

Daily Devotion: As a disciple, we must be self-seeking students of the scriptures. One of the first things to do is establish daily study time. We have such busy lives and often find it difficult to consistently spend quality time with God. We have an agenda for almost every aspect of our daily routines. God knows that all these things are important to us. Matthew 6:33 says *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."* Develop a Kingdom agenda! It may appear challenging in the beginning but discipleship demands discipline. Daily devotional time with God is vital!

"Obtaining Souls Through The Word"

† 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."

Studying the scriptures allows us to be sensitive to the Spirit. When we're not sensitive to the Spirit, we often rely only on others to tell us what God is saying. Then we find ourselves trying to decipher truth from fiction (2 Cor. 10:5). Don't reject knowledge (Hos. 4:6a) because God will give you the wisdom to resist anything that contradicts His Word. We seek the rewards of the Word but don't study to learn the rules and responsibilities as well. *"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law...but to fulfill the law. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."* (Matt. 5:17, 19). We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them (Eph. 2:10). When Jesus was speaking to His disciples in John 13:17, He said "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." In those areas where you lack knowledge, Ask God and He will show you those things you do not know (Jer. 33:3).

 This week, establish some consistent study habits. Start by:

1. Making every effort to maintain a regular study time

example - I will study at _____ o'clock every day.

"You are my God. *Early* I seek You." (Ps. 63:1)

2. Designating a place that is quiet.

3. Taking precise notes that you can later use as reference tools

† 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"/>	2 Chronicles 25-27	
Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	2 Chronicles 28-30	
Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	2 Chronicles 31-33	
Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	2 Chronicles 34-36	
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	Ezra 1-3	
Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Ezra 4-6	
Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	Ezra 7-10	

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