

Being a Disciple in the Community

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I. Introduction.

A. The important things are taking place in the hearts and minds of God's people. (Luke 3:1-2)

II. What following in discipleship means.

A. Following cannot be done in the flesh - it must be done by the power of God. (John 4:24)

B. Each of us has a vital task to fulfill in the will of God.

C. We cannot go about seeking our own will - we must only seek the will of God. (John 5:30)

D. The follower's only concern is to accomplish the task that God has created him for, and his basic commitment is to do the will of the Father. (Colossians 3, Matthew 6:33)

E. After the disciple makes a commitment, he gets his directions from God alone. (Psalm 1)

1. There is blessedness for the man who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly.

2. The ungodly are simply people without God.

3. The Word of God has the highest place. (Psalm 138:2)

4. God's Word is still more certain than a voice from heaven. (2 Peter 1:16)

5. Your life will be like an evergreen tree, but it takes a basic commitment.

F. Before you can be Christ's disciple you have to become a believer. You have to start somewhere.

1. Eternal life is a gift that you cannot earn. (1 John 5:11-12)

2. Give your life to Jesus by repenting (turning the other direction) and placing faith in Him.

Application questions

1. Why is following God not just for the clergy? Explain.

2. What role does the Bible have in being a disciple, and how is it supreme?

3. Have you ever opened your life to Jesus Christ and opened your life for Him to take control?
