

Matthew 13:20-21 *But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; 21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.*

2 Timothy 3:12 *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

There are two ways we can get through this.

- By _____ to the Word.

Luke 6:48 *He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.*

- By _____ it to the Lord.

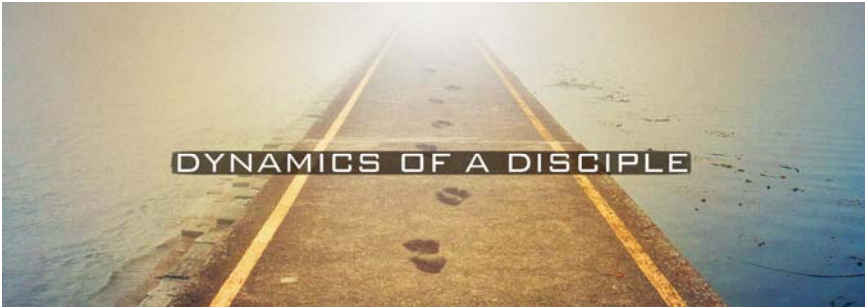
1 Peter 5:7 *Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*

e. It Involves Commitment to Him in Our _____.

Mark 8:34 *... and follow me.*

27 *... and come after me, ...*

- That is in _____ obedience to His Word.
- That is in _____ walking in His way.
 - Live each _____ in obedience to His word.
 - We are so focused on where God wants us in the future, we neglect to obey him in the present.
 - Live your life _____ to His leading.



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Disciples Accept Requirements VI

Luke 9:61-62 *And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. 62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*

REVIEW

3. The Requirement of Maturity

Luke 6:40 *The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.*

NEW LESSON

4. The Requirement of _____

- The requirements for being a disciple must be _____ to.

Luke 14:25-27 *And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, 26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.*

- Jesus wasn't captivated with the crowds, he wanted commitment from them.

Mark 8:34 *And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

- Jesus laid out what He wanted from them, what they were to expect if they were _____.

27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

a. It Involves Commitment to Him in Spite of _____.

Luke 14:25 *And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, ...*

Mark 8:34 *And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them ...*

- It's not the _____ of Christians that are growing committed disciples, it is usually the _____ that want to be committed.

2 Timothy 2:2 *And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*

John 21:19-22 *This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. 20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? 21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? 22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.*

b. It Involves Commitment to Him _____ All Others.

26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea,

- Our love for Christ should be so strong that is _____ all other loves.
- We can never use love for _____ as an excuse to not follow and commit to Christ.

c. It Involves Commitment to Him Over _____.

... and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

Mark 8:34 *And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself,*

- We would never say we love ourselves over _____, but how often do we act like it.
... "let him deny himself"
- We don't live in a time of _____ but of _____.
 - We have not been taught to _____ but we have been _____ to indulge.

d. It Involves Commitment to Him Even in _____.

27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, ...

Mark 8:34 *... and take up his cross, ...*

- It's not a question of if difficulties will arise, it's a question of _____ will difficulties arise.

Luke 6:48-49 *He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.*