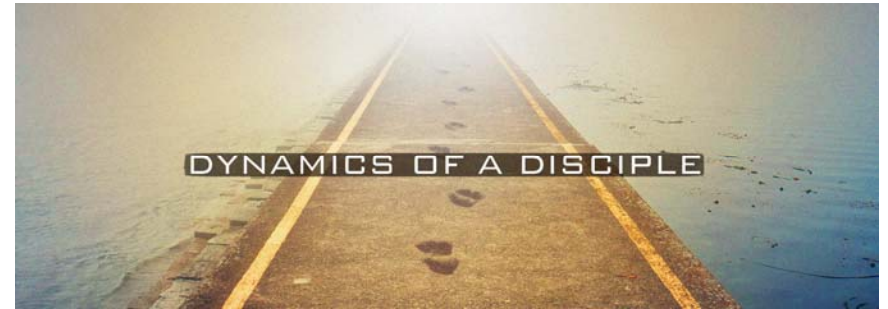


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**Proverbs 17:22** *A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.*

## 5. Disciples are followers who follow \_\_\_\_\_ and stay true

**Mark 14:54, 66-72** *And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire. 66 And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest: 67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth. 68 But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew. 69 And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them. 70 And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilaeen, and thy speech agreeth thereto. 71 But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak. 72 And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.*

- True disciples can't \_\_\_\_\_ follow from a far distance.
- **Are there any areas of your Christianity where you have started to grow distant, where you have started to become unfaithful?**
- It usually begins with \_\_\_\_\_ attendance.
- It shows up in our \_\_\_\_\_ reading.
- Maybe we've slipped in our \_\_\_\_\_.
- Maybe in our **ministry** \_\_\_\_\_.
- It could be in our \_\_\_\_\_.
- The key is this: **We need to get to the point where what we do as a Christian is done because of \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Conviction** = I do what I do regardless of how I feel or what others say because \_\_\_\_\_ says I should.
- **Convenience** = I will do what I should unless something else comes up which gives me enough of an \_\_\_\_\_ to not to.



MIDWEEK SERVICE | THURSDAY, JULY 25

## Disciples Are Followers III

**Matthew 4:18-22** *And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. 19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. 20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. 21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. 22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.*

**Matthew 16:24** *Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

- Based on what Jesus said about what it means to be his disciple, it is: **“One who puts into practice and does what Jesus says, and is willing to make the \_\_\_\_\_ it takes to be what He wants.”**
- The first truth we are seeing about being a disciple is this one; **disciples are \_\_\_\_\_!**

### REVIEW

#### 1. Disciples are followers on a different path.

**Matthew 4:18-19** *And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. 19 And he saith unto them, **Follow me, and I will make** you fishers of men.*

## 2. Disciples are followers without hesitation.

**Matthew 4:20-22** And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. 21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. 22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

## 3. Disciples are followers even if it means earthly loss.

**Matthew 9:9** And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

### NEW LESSON

## 4. Disciples are followers who receive \_\_\_\_\_.

- Although our ultimate motivation is love for Christ and investment in eternity, there are benefits \_\_\_\_\_ in this life and the one to come.

**Mark 10:28-31** Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. 29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, 30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. 31 But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

- There are blessings and benefits that come from serving Christ, not just in the **by-and-by**, but in the **now-and-now**.
- **But just because we receive benefits does not mean that we avoid \_\_\_\_\_.**

## What are some of those benefits?

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**Matthew 6:31-33** Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

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**Proverbs 16:7** When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

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**Galatians 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, ....

**1 John 3:4** And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

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**1 Thessalonians 5:16** In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

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**Psalms 34:8** O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

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**Psalms 127:3-5** Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. 4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. 5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

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**3 John 2** Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

**Psalms 1:1-3** Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.