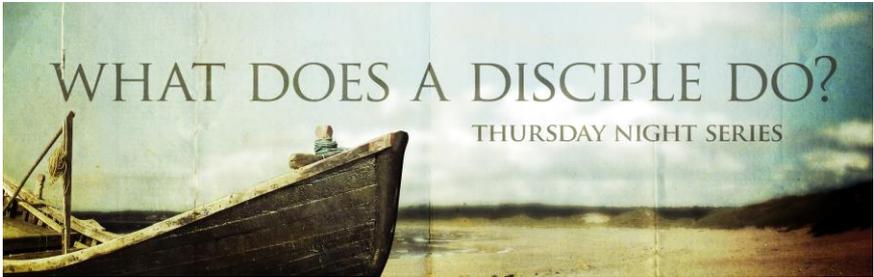


## LESSON #7



### Disciples Step Up Pt. 5

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**Luke 14:26** 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.**

- The key word for a disciple is **commitment!**
  
- **Our Step #1 is Loving God.** (2 components to it)
  - Salvation and baptism.
  - Devotion.

### 1. Start with Salvation

- a. It's the starting point in your relationship with God.*
- b. It's the foundation of your new life on earth.*
- c. It's the enabler of obedience to God.*
- d. It's the security of eternity in heaven.*

## 2. Grow through Devotion

- a. Start with spending daily time in the Bible.*
  - b. Start with daily prayer to God.*
  - c. Strength comes from your personal time with God.*
  - d. Growth on the outside comes from strength gained on the inside.*
- **Our Step #2 is Loving Others.** (2 components to it)
    - Adult Bible Classes.
    - Church membership.

## THIS WEEK'S LESSON

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ - to others

- The best place our love for others can be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is in church, particularly your adult Bible class.

**Gal. 6:10** As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

*a. Everyone needs a \_\_\_\_\_ group within the church.*

*b. People need \_\_\_\_\_, not just \_\_\_\_\_ people.*

- Three things we have said many times before.
  - People come to church because they were \_\_\_\_\_.
  - People come back to a church because the people are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - People will stay in a church because they develop \_\_\_\_\_.

**Pro. 18:24a** A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly:

*c. The less connected we are to others, the less we are \_\_\_\_\_ personally and the less we can \_\_\_\_\_ others.*

- Encouragement is vital.
  - We need to \_\_\_\_\_ it.
  - We need to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

*d. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to class and \_\_\_\_\_ new people to be in class.*

## **4. Commitment to the \_\_\_\_\_**

**Heb. 10:24-25** And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

**Matt. 16:18** And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock **I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

**Acts 20:28** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

**Eph. 5:25-27** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

a. *Joining a church is a \_\_\_\_\_ to it.*

**Acts 2:40-41** And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were **added unto them** about three thousand souls.

