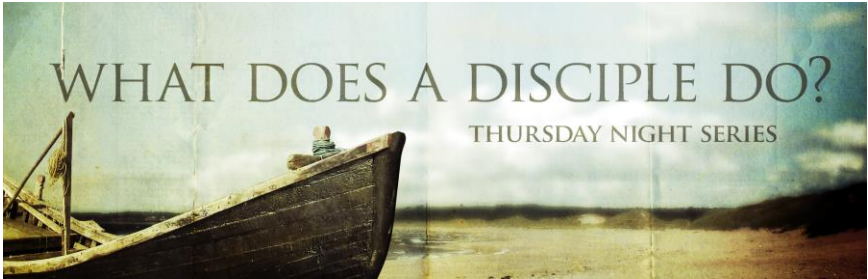


## LESSON #9



### Disciples Step Up Pt. 7

**Luke 14:27** And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

- The key word for a disciple is **commitment!**
- **Our Step #1 is Loving God.**
  - Salvation and baptism.
  - Devotion.

#### 1. Start with Salvation

#### 2. Grow through Devotion

- **Our Step #2 is Loving Others.**
  - Adult Bible Classes.
  - Church membership.

#### 3. Connection to others

#### 4. Commitment to the Church

- a. *Joining a church is a commitment to it.*
- b. *Joining church is a first step to greater involvement.*
- c. *Becoming a member brings responsibility, not just privilege.*
- d. *Being a member of church is more than just coming Sunday morning.*
- e. *Church membership and attendance should be a conviction, not a convenience.*

## THIS WEEK'S LESSON

f. *Let's commit to coming to church \_\_\_\_\_.*

- **What you get \_\_\_\_\_ of church depends on how well you are \_\_\_\_\_ for it.**
- **Checklist to help us be prepared.**
  - ✓ Be careful about being out late on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ✓ Always be looking for \_\_\_\_\_ people to bring to church with you.
  - ✓ Come expecting to \_\_\_\_\_ encouragement.
  - ✓ Come looking to \_\_\_\_\_ encouragement.

- ✓ Be involved with the \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ Be open to His \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ Be involved in \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ Be on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ Minimize \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ Fight the \_\_\_\_\_ battle.

*f. Let's know what \_\_\_\_\_ of church we are*

- The acrostic **BAPTIST** tells us our core beliefs.
- **Remember to acrostic B-A-P-T-I-S-T-S**
  - **B**= the \_\_\_\_\_ we use as our sole authority for \_\_\_\_\_ faith and practice.
  - **A**= the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church.
  - **P**= the \_\_\_\_\_ of Believers.
  - **T**= the \_\_\_\_\_ offices of the church.
  - **I**= the individual's soul \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **S**= the saved and baptized who make up the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church
  - **T**= the 2 \_\_\_\_\_, Baptism & Lord's Supper.
  - **S**= the \_\_\_\_\_ of church and state.

g. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ our church

**Ephesians 5:25-29** Husbands, love your wives, **even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;** <sup>26</sup> That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. <sup>29</sup> For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, **even as the Lord the church:**

- There are 4 we will do if we love it;
  - ✓ **We will want to \_\_\_\_\_ it.**
  - ✓ **We will want to \_\_\_\_\_ in it.**
  - ✓ **We will want to \_\_\_\_\_ for it.**
  - ✓ **We will \_\_\_\_\_ for it.**
- **Our Step #3 is Serving God.** (2 components to it)
  - Discipleship.
  - Giving.

**5. Personal \_\_\_\_\_**