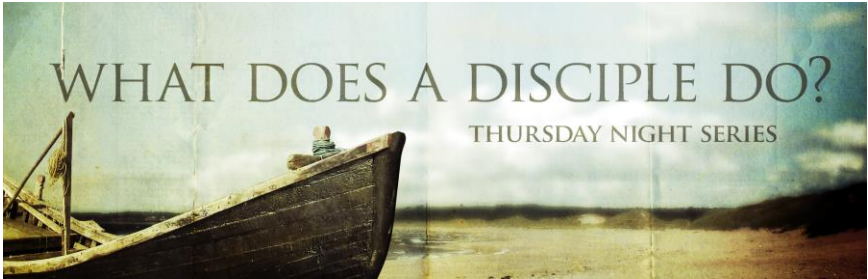


LESSON #11



Disciples Step Up Pt. 9

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

- Tonight, we continue to tie being a disciple to our **Steps of Growth** system.
- 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

2. Grow through Devotion

- **Our Step #2 is Loving Others.** (2 components to it)
 - Adult Bible Classes.
 - Church membership.

3. Connection to others

4. Commitment to the Church

- **Our Step #3 is Serving God.** (2 components to it)

- Discipleship.
- Giving.

5. Personal Discipleship

a. That starts with the personal decision to be a disciple.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

b. Understand that growth as a disciple comes in

_____.

- There are two areas that we will need to take steps.
 - **The Steps of _____.**

*2 Pet. 1:3-8 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, **add to your faith** virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- **The Steps of _____.**

Heb. 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Psa. 1:1 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.

- There will be some difficulties as we change.
 - The _____ will fight you.
 - The _____ will fight you.
 - And _____ is fighting you.

c. Start by going through our personal discipleship _____.

d. Continue by _____ in your faith.

e. Get connected with the church _____.

6. Practical _____

Rom. 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom. 5:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

1 Cor. 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

a. Figure out where you are on the giving _____.

The 5 levels are

- _____ **-Giver.**
 - This is someone who has _____ given anything.
- _____ **Giver.**
 - This is a person who has given _____, maybe twice.
- _____ **Giver.**
 - This is someone who _____ gives something.
- _____ **Giver.**
 - This is a person who _____ faithfully.
- _____ **Giver.**

- They tithe but they give _____ that the tithe.

b. Trust God by _____.

- As we see in the levels of giving, there are opportunities to take steps in giving.
- **Non-Giver.** Give _____.
- **New Giver.** Give _____.
- **Regular Giver.** Start _____.
- **Systematic Giver.** Give in _____ areas.
- **Generous Giver.** _____ in those other areas.

Mal. 3:7-11 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? 8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. 10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. 11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.

Matt 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

c. _____ in your giving.

- There are so many other areas we can invest;
 - _____.
 - _____.
 - _____ **Ministry**
 - _____ **Offerings.**

Acts 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive