

## DISCIPLESHIP & COMMITMENT

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Disciple- A learner/follower. You become a \_\_\_\_\_. What you are taught becomes who you are and how you live your life. You commit to the teachings of your Master. (\_\_\_\_\_)

Rabbi – Master. Biblical history reveals your rabbi was your \_\_\_\_\_ and the relationship between rabbi and student was as even closer than the relationship between a student and his earthly father.

Once you say you believe in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ the Bible says you shall be saved. (*Romans 10:9; Ephesians 2:8*)

Discipleship and commitment are actions that reflect our \_\_\_\_\_, they are not works that save us.

As disciples we follow Jesus Christ in \_\_\_\_\_ things- principles, philosophies, teachings, ceremonies (Baptism, communion) thoughts and practices.

When we look at the 12 disciples, in Matthew 4:19 -Jesus told his disciples to follow him and **I will make** you fishers of men. So we see that **the purpose of Discipleship** is to “\_\_\_\_\_” into something.

Jesus is still desiring disciples. He is still saying “follow me”. When you read the text you see where Jesus took in his disciples and began to do \_\_\_\_\_ with them. They went where he went, they listened to his teachings, they obeyed his directions, they practiced what he taught them. It is imperative to see that their discipleship was a \_\_\_\_\_. In their discipleship we can see their \_\_\_\_\_.

Commitment many times has several \_\_\_\_\_. Commitment is a major part of \_\_\_\_\_.

Being a disciple of Christ is clothed in having a relationship with Him. There are many stages we experience in relationship and commitment, but I will share **5 stages of commitment**.

Please understand that your level of commitment will go through changes and will continue to change and are in a relationship with Jesus Christ. **THIS EXPERIENCE IS NORMAL**. Also know that your commitment is a \_\_\_\_\_.

You are not expected to have an iron clad, solid, proof perfect commitment once you become a disciple of Christ. Bible characters were not perfect!

- Aaron = Idols
- Samson = Married wrong women
- Eli = Wicked Sons
- Solomon = Pleasing his wives who worshipped idols!

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The \_\_\_\_\_ struggled with Commitment!

The \_\_\_\_\_ also struggled with commitment. If you remember all of them except for John, they all left Jesus during his most crucial time.

Commitment is a \_\_\_\_\_ decision you will make more than once during your relationship with Christ. Commitment does not automatically come by osmosis. Remember **relationship** is where commitment is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ deeper and deeper \_\_\_\_\_.

### SOME STAGES OF COMMITMENT:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Stage
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Stage
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ Stage
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ Stage
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ Stage