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Finding Your Life's Mission

What Does It Mean To Follow Jesus?

*As Jesus was going down the road He saw Matthew sitting in his tax - collecting booth, 'Come, be My disciple,' Jesus said. So Matthew got up and followed Him. **Matthew 9:9***

What is a disciple? The word disciple means a student.

- It referred to anybody who was being trained by someone else.
- It was used to refer to the 12 disciples, who were also called the apostles.
- It was used as a synonym for Christian.

Jesus' Definition of a Disciple

To be a disciple I must

You can't be a part-time disciple

*If you want to be My disciple you must come and follow Me, because My servants must be where I am. And if they follow Me, the Father will honor them. **John 12:26***

--Spiritual growth is a _____

Jesus said, 'If you want to be My disciple...

You are as close to God as you choose to be

-- Spiritual growth is a _____

Jesus said, 'you must come and follow Me...

Anytime I make a commitment I grow

--Spiritual growth is a _____

Jesus said, 'My servants must be where I am...'

To be a disciple I must

*If you want to be my follower you must love Me. You must love Me more than your own father and mother, your wife and your children, your brothers and sisters - yes, more than your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. **Luke 14:26***

*Jesus said, "The most important commandment is this: You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." **Mark 12:***

To be a disciple I must

Jesus says, if you're going to be My disciples
You can't just love Me.
You have to love everybody in My family.

*If you have love for one another, then everybody will know that you are my disciples. **John 13:35***

*This is how we know what love is [What Real Love Is] Jesus Christ laid down His life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters in Christ. **1 John 3:16***

To be a disciple I must

*If you continue to obey My teaching you are truly My disciple. **John 8:31***

That's why it takes more than sermons to grow
Knowledge without love leads to arrogance
I only believe the parts of the Bible I do

To be a disciple I must

*Jesus said, 'For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and give My life as a ransom for many. **Matthew 20:28***

To be a disciple I must

*Jesus called out, 'Come! Be My disciple and I will show you how to fish for people,' and they left their nets at once and went with Him. **Matthew 4:20***

Is anybody going to be in heaven because of you?