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### DISCIPLESHIP LEVEL – LESSON 2 ARE YOU A DISCIPLE?

#### Introduction

The definition and description of what a true follower of Jesus is will help us all to answer this question truthfully in our hearts and minds. The role of this teaching and lesson is not an academic one. It is not primarily to provide information either. The goal is a change of heart, habits and behaviour.

One of the ways the Scriptures describe disciples is using the word SERVANT

<sup>24</sup> "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master Matthew 10:24-25

Our Lord Himself uses this word a lot in His parables and preaching. This is then picked up by His disciples to describe themselves

*Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 1 Corinthians 4:1*

*For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; 1 Corinthians 9:19*

*Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:1*

*Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, Titus 1:1*

Just when you thought that this was a Paul only description of himself, you realise the other Apostles had the same mindset:

James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: James 1:1



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Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ To those who have <sup>[a]</sup>obtained like<sup>[b]</sup> precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: 2 Peter 1:1

Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ: Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. Jude 1:1

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must <sup>[a]</sup>shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John Revelation 1:1

The word servant here is the Greek word *doulos* which means; a slave, bondman, man of servile condition. One who gives himself up to another's will. Those whose service is used by Christ in extending and advancing His cause among men. Devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests.

The spirit and essence of this word means that a disciple is SOLD OUT to the cause and will of Christ. This means that a true follower of Jesus will place the message and instructions of the Lord before personal agendas regardless of the cost to themselves.

*<sup>37</sup>He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup>And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>39</sup>He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it. Matthew 10:37-39*

- These scriptures are the words of Jesus Himself and self-explanatory
- Whatever is dear to you should not compete with your love for Him
- That He will ask you to surrender your heart and life to Him
- It is unique to you and it's called 'Your Cross'
- When give Him your Life then you find true Life



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### Five Facts Of True Disciples

1. A disciple is someone who surrenders their life completely to the Master. This commitment should be total. It is an arrangement of mutual consent to full disclosure. Our Lord demands this because He gave us His full commitment and so He expects all of our hearts too. He is a Loving Master who wants the very best for our welfare and destiny. We have to trust Him as He takes our lives and moulds them according to His will.
2. A true disciple takes the Word of God seriously. This is a daily discipline which allows the Holy Spirit speak directly to and train the Christian. The principle was that Jesus called and mentored twelve core followers. The outer circle was approximately one hundred and twenty (Acts 1:15). He then stepped away and the Holy Spirit took over their growth and development personally. This is the Biblical pattern (1John 2:20,27)
3. A real follower of Christ will bear much fruit. (John 15:4-5). Every Believer is to abide in the vine of the Lord and bring others into the Kingdom. This is the main fruit of a Believer (Matthew 13:23). The first words of blessing from God to Man were; “Be fruitful and multiply..”
4. In line with the above point, a Disciple of Christ is committed to the Lord’s vision to reach everyone with the Gospel. Matthew 28:18-20
5. The language of every true disciple of Christ is LOVE. This is evidence in their genuine heart to touch people with the truth of God’s offer of Love to mankind.

### Recommended Reading – Discipleship School

- The Book of Acts
- The Final Quest by Rick Joyner