



# What Does it Mean to be a Disciple of Christ (Christ Follower)?

“A Disciple Possesses the Compassion of Christ”  
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## 1. The Secret of Christlike Compassion

- Love God with your whole heart, mind, soul, strength, Mark 12:30-31  
How did Jesus love God with His whole heart, mind, soul, strength?
  - Jesus spent time with God in prayer & made it a top priority.  
Therefore, we as His disciples must spend time with God in prayer & the Bible and make it a top priority
  - Jesus spent His life following God’s will and doing His work.  
Therefore, we as His disciples must spend our lives following God’s will & doing His work
- Love your neighbor as yourself

## 2. The Fruit of Christlike Compassion

- Die to Live – If you want to live for Christ, you must die to self  
Rom 6:13, “Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.”
- Live to Love – If you want to live for Christ, you must love those God created in His image  
1 John 4:20-21, “If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God who he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.”
- Love to Serve – If you want to live for Christ, you must humble yourself and serve others out of love for Christ  
Gal 5:13-14, “For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”
- Serve to Glorify God – As you were given the gift of God’s grace, use that gift to glorify God  
1 Peter 4:10-11, “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.”