



## Biblical Discipleship

### What is Biblical Discipleship?

*Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

*Matt. 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

*Matt. 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

#### DEFINITION:

*The Greek term μαθητής (mathētēs) refers generally to any "student," "pupil," "apprentice," or "adherent," as opposed to a "teacher." In the ancient world, however, it is most often associated, with people who were devoted followers of a great religious leader or teacher of philosophy.<sup>1</sup>*

#### THE RELATIONSHIP:

- Apprentice to mentor
- Learn to Imitate

*Heb. 13:7 ¶ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.*

*1Cor. 4:16 I urge you, then, be imitators of me.*

*1Cor. 11:1 ¶ Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

*Eph. 5:1 ¶ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.*

*1Th. 1:6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,*

*1Th. 1:7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.*

Observation: Discipleship is communal by nature

#### DISCIPLESHIP CONSISTS OF:

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<sup>1</sup> Greg Herrick <https://bible.org/seriespage/2-understanding-meaning-term-disciple>

**WHO SHOULD DISCIPLE:**

QUESTION: Who has the primary role of teaching disciples?

QUESTION: Are all disciples to teach disciples?

Top Down:

- Elders
- Teachers/Preachers
- Mature in the faith
- Parents to children

**Elders, Teachers, Preachers, and Evangelists:**

*Eph. 4:11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, Eph. 4:12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,*

*James 3:1 ¶ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.*

**Mature in the faith:**

*Titus 2:1 ¶ But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.*

*Titus 2:2 Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.*

*Titus 2:3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good,*

*Titus 2:4 and so train the young women to love their husbands and children,*

*Titus 2:5 to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.*

*Titus 2:6 Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled.*

*Titus 2:7 Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity,*

*Titus 2:8 and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.*

**Parents:**

*Eph. 6:4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

**WHAT IS TAUGHT:**

*Matt. 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*



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*We do not list all of the commands of Christ here because, as I said above, some commands apply only to the people at the time he walked the earth. Nevertheless, the following are those commands of Christ that apply to us.<sup>2</sup>*

1. Repent ([Matthew 4:17](#)).
2. Follow Him ([Matthew 4:19](#)).
3. Let your light shine ([Matthew 5:16](#)).
4. Be reconciled ([Matthew 5:23–24](#)).
5. Don't Lust ([Matthew 5:27–30](#)).
6. Make no oaths ([Matthew 5:34, 37](#)).
7. Don't resist evil with evil ([Matthew 5:39–42](#)).
8. Love and pray for your enemies ([Matthew 5:44–46](#)).
9. Be perfect (in love) ([Matthew 5:48](#)).
10. Seek God's Kingdom first ([Matthew 6:33](#)).
11. Don't Judge ([Matthew 7:1](#)).
12. Don't give what is holy to dogs ([Matthew 7:6](#)).
13. Treat people as you want to be treated ([Matthew 7:12](#)).
14. Enter (heaven) through the narrow gate ([Matthew 7:13–14](#)).
15. Beware of false prophets ([Matthew 7:15–16](#)).
16. Follow Jesus ([Matt. 8:22](#)).
17. Ask God to send out workers ([Matthew 9:37–38](#)).
18. Don't fear those who can kill the body ([Matthew 10:28](#)).
19. Come to Jesus for rest ([Matthew 11:28](#)).
20. Confront brothers in private first ([Matthew 18:15–17](#)).
21. Forgive Seven times Seventy ([Matthew 18:21–22](#)).
22. Render to Caesar what is Caesar's ([Matthew 22:21](#)).
23. Love God ([Matthew 22:37–38](#)).
24. Love your Neighbor ([Matthew 22:39](#)).
25. Partake of Communion ([Matthew 26:26–27](#)).
26. Keep guard against sin ([Matthew 26:41](#)).
27. Make Disciples ([Matthew 28:19–20](#)).
28. Preach the Gospel ([Mark 16:15](#)).

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<sup>2</sup> <https://carm.org/about-jesus/what-commandments-did-jesus-give-us/>



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29. Be on guard against greed ([Luke 12:15](#)).
30. Invite the poor ([Luke 14:12–14](#)).
31. Love one another ([John 13:34](#)). ([John 15:12](#)). ([John 15:17](#)).

*2Tim. 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,  
2Tim. 3:17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

**PURPOSE:**

*Col. 2:6 ¶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,  
Col. 2:7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.  
Col. 2:8 ¶ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.*

*Matt. 6:24 ¶ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*

*Matt. 6:31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’  
Matt. 6:32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.  
Matt. 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

**MODERN APPLICATION:****NEXT CLASS HOMEWORK:**

Praying Backwards: Transform Your Prayer Life by Beginning in Jesus' Name Paperback – July 1, 2005  
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