

Are you a Disciple of Jesus or are you just a Christian?

A disciple masters the basics (Heb 5:11, Col 1:28, 2:6)

“We need to get back to the basics, Gentlemen, this is a football.”

Heb 5:11-14 -

11 On this topic we have much to say, and it is difficult to explain, since you have become sluggish in hearing. 12 For though you should in fact be teachers by this time, you need someone to teach you the beginning elements of God's utterances. You have gone back to needing milk, not solid food. 13 For everyone who lives on milk is inexperienced in the message of righteousness because he is an infant. 14 But solid food is for the mature, whose perceptions are trained by practice to discern both good and evil.

Col 1:28 - 28 We proclaim him by instructing and teaching all people with all wisdom so that we may present every person mature in Christ. 29 Toward this goal I also labor, struggling according to his power that powerfully works in me.

The first principles of the faith

The gospel

Faith

Baptism

Community life

The church

Mission

Disciplined living & spiritual practices

The Holy Spirit

Knowing God's will

Spiritual warfare

Prayer

Marriage

Family

Passing on your beliefs

Sharing your faith

Eternity

Not being established in the first principles of the faith warps and distorts every area of our lives.

A disciple is all-in (Mark 8:34)

Mark 8:34-35

34 Then Jesus called the crowd, along with his disciples, and said to them, “If anyone wants to become my follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me and because of the gospel will save it.

Jesus doesn't necessarily call us to die - but rather requests us to live a surrendered life in complete devotion.

The church has surrendered her once lofty concept of God and has substituted it for one so lowly, so ignoble, as to be utterly unworthy of thinking. A.W. Tozer

"The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians, who acknowledge Jesus with their lips and walk out the door and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable." - Brennan Manning

A disciple makes disciples (Mt 28:19)

Matthew 28:16-20

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Disciple making is life-on-life ministry

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH ME

Are you a disciple, or are you just a Christian?

Are you a disciple that hasn't Mastered the basics? Take a class on the first principles of the faith.

Are you a disciple who's holding back? Are you resisting fully surrendering every area of your life to God?

Are you a disciple with no disciples? Who will you pursue?