



# THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST



# The Disciples of Christ

## SCRIPTURES TO STUDY

- Make Disciples: Matthew 28:16-20 ESV
- What Is Man?: Psalm 8:4 ESV
- Esteem This: Jeremiah 9:23-24 ESV
- As I Loved You: John 13:34-35 ESV
- Studious Abiders: John 8:31-32 ESV
- The Root Is Love: Ephesians 3:17 AMPC
- Mighty Fruit Bearers: John 15:8 AMP, Galatians 5:22-23 TPT
- Man's Approval Isn't Needed: John 5:41-42 NLT, AMPC
- God Chose: Jeremiah 1:5, 9 NLT
- Fire Shut Up: Jeremiah 20:9 NLT
- WORD Like Fire: Jeremiah 23:29 AMP
- Consuming Fire: Hebrews 12:29 ESV
- Initiators: 2 Timothy 1:6-7 AMP
- He Loves Me: Jeremiah 9:23-24 ESV

## MAIN POINTS, DEFINITIONS & APPLICATION

### Disciple:

- One who is taught, a learner

### Self Esteem:

A person's overall subjective evaluation of their own worth, value, and abilities.

- Self worth, respect, confidence
- The need to be unique

### Built By:

### Upbringing

- Parents

### Achievements

- Discipline: Do, don't do
- Done

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**Validated By:**

**Things**

- Confirm
- Validate

**Social Validation**

Where individuals seek approval, acceptance, or confirmation of their beliefs, behaviors, or identities from others within their social environment.

It involves seeking reassurance or validation from others to confirm the accuracy, appropriateness, or desirability of one's thoughts, feelings, or actions.

- Approval and Acceptance
- Confirmation of Identity
- Reinforcement of Behaviors
- Reduced Uncertainty
- Validation of Emotion

My self-esteem was built by my upbringing and achievements, validated by things and people.

What if things and people don't align with my positive self image or confirm my self view?

Do you begin to Question / Doubt... Why don't I Have?? Become Frustrated?

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## MAIN POINTS, DEFINITIONS & APPLICATION

### Socially Compare?

- If I had this... you wouldn't...
- When I get this... you would...

### Become Proudful / Entitled

- DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM??

### Impression Management

- The conscious or unconscious techniques individuals use to control or manipulate the impressions others form about them.
- These strategies are employed in social interactions to shape how others perceive and evaluate the individual's identity, characteristics, and behaviors.

Goal when feeling misunderstood, not revered, or approved:  
Find, force, or create consistency between my self-perception and external feedback.

- Any form of rejection has to be contested or I'll be unsatisfied

If my self esteem/overall evaluation of my self worth shouldn't be shaped by things and people - what should it be shaped by?

You are validated and valued because HE loves you...Chose  
you



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## MAIN POINTS, DEFINITIONS & APPLICATION

### 1. Disciples function from a deep, personal revelation of Love

- In the world, value and worth is often determined by the price that you're willing to pay.
- In Christ, your worth and value is determined by the price He paid for you.

### 2. Disciples Are Studious Abiders

#### Abide:

To remain, tarry, to be held, kept continually

To continue to be present

#### Disciple:

Studious Abiders of The Word (Disciple Characteristics)

- Diligent
- Curious / Inquisitive
- Time management
- Deep Self Reflectors
- Seek Help / Humble
- Disciplined
- Practical Practicers

#### Practical Practice:

- Actively applying knowledge, skills, or insights in real-world situations to achieve specific goals or desired outcomes.

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## MAIN POINTS, DEFINITIONS & APPLICATION

### Practical Practice:

- Tangible Steps
- Intentional choices
- Engaging in behaviors that contribute to personal, spiritual growth.

### Practical Practice:

- Not just understanding concepts or gaining insights
- Taking action and implementing them in a purposeful and systematic manner to create meaningful change or progress.

### 3. Mighty Fruit Bearers

### 4. Spiritual Arsonists

✓ Fire doesn't discriminate - shows no bias- There's no need for human approval.

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## MAIN POINTS, DEFINITIONS & APPLICATION

### Reflection:

1. How does my upbringing, achievements, or things shape your self-esteem?

2. Prayer: LORD, remove my need for external validation. You love me. That's enough

Declaration: The LORD is my validation

3. Reflect and review the byproducts of Love  
(Points 2-4 below)

1. Disciples function from a deep, personal revelation of Love

2. Disciples Are Studious Abiders

3. Disciples Are Mighty Fruit Bearers

4. Disciples Are Spiritual Arsonists... Setting The World Ablaze



**SELF ESTEEM:**

**A PERSON'S OVERALL  
SUBJECTIVE EVALUATION  
OF THEIR OWN WORTH,  
VALUE, AND ABILITIES.**





**SOCIAL VALIDATION:**



**WHERE INDIVIDUALS SEEK  
APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, OR  
CONFIRMATION OF THEIR BELIEFS,  
BEHAVIORS, OR IDENTITIES FROM  
OTHERS WITHIN THEIR SOCIAL  
ENVIRONMENT.**

**SOCIAL VALIDATION:**



**IT INVOLVES SEEKING  
REASSURANCE OR VALIDATION  
FROM OTHERS TO CONFIRM THE  
ACCURACY, APPROPRIATENESS,  
OR DESIRABILITY OF ONE'S  
THOUGHTS, FEELINGS, OR  
ACTIONS.**



# **SOCIAL VALIDATION:**



- **APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE**
- **CONFIRMATION OF IDENTITY**
- **REINFORCEMENT OF BEHAVIORS**
- **REDUCES UNCERTAINTY**
- **VALIDATION OF EMOTION**



**IMPRESSION MANAGEMENT:**  
**THE CONSCIOUS OR**  
**UNCONSCIOUS TECHNIQUES**  
**INDIVIDUALS USE TO CONTROL**  
**OR MANIPULATE THE**  
**IMPRESSIONS OTHERS FORM**  
**ABOUT THEM.**



**IMPRESSION MANAGEMENT:  
THESE STRATEGIES ARE  
EMPLOYED IN SOCIAL  
INTERACTIONS TO SHAPE HOW  
OTHERS PERCEIVE AND EVALUATE  
THE INDIVIDUAL'S IDENTITY,  
CHARACTERISTICS, AND  
BEHAVIORS.**





**THE GOAL:**

**FIND, FORCE, OR CREATE  
CONSISTENCY BETWEEN MY  
SELF PERCEPTION AND  
EXTERNAL FEEDBACK**



# **DISCIPLES**

**STUDIOUS ABIDERS OF THE WORD**

- **DILIGENT**
- **CURIOUS / INQUISITIVE**
- **TIME MANAGEMENT**
- **DEEP SELF REFLECTORS**
- **SEEK HELP / HUMBLE**
- **DISCIPLINED**
- **PRACTICAL PRACTICERS**





**PRACTICAL PRACTICE:**  
**ACTIVELY APPLYING KNOWLEDGE,**  
**SKILLS, OR INSIGHTS IN REAL-**  
**WORLD SITUATIONS TO ACHIEVE**  
**SPECIFIC GOALS OR DESIRED**  
**OUTCOMES.**





# **PRACTICAL PRACTICE:**

- **TANGIBLE STEPS**
- **INTENTIONAL CHOICES**
- **ENGAGING IN BEHAVIORS THAT  
CONTRIBUTE TO PERSONAL,  
SPIRITUAL GROWTH.**





# PRACTICAL PRACTICE:

- NOT JUST UNDERSTANDING CONCEPTS OR GAINING INSIGHTS
- TAKING ACTION AND IMPLEMENTING THEM IN A PURPOSEFUL AND SYSTEMATIC MANNER TO CREATE MEANINGFUL CHANGE OR PROGRESS.



# **DISCIPLES OF CHRIST:**

**1. DISCIPLES FUNCTION FROM A DEEP,  
PERSONAL REVELATION OF LOVE**

**2. DISCIPLES ARE STUDIOUS ABIDERS**

**3. DISCIPLES ARE MIGHTY FRUIT  
BEARERS**

**4. DISCIPLES ARE SPIRITUAL ARSONISTS**



# REFLECTION:

**1. HOW DOES MY UPBRINGING, ACHIEVEMENTS, OR THINGS SHAPE YOUR SELF-ESTEEM?**

**2. PRAYER: LORD, REMOVE MY NEED FOR EXTERNAL VALIDATION. YOU LOVE ME. THAT'S ENOUGH**

**DECLARATION: THE LORD IS MY VALIDATION**

**3. REFLECT AND REVIEW THE BYPRODUCTS OF LOVE**