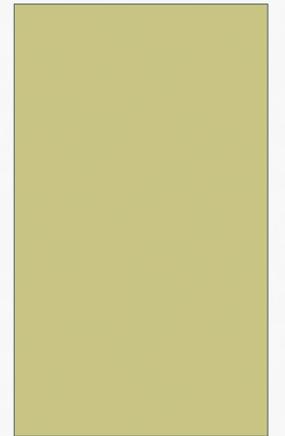


THE MARKS OF A TRUE DISCIPLE

JOHN 15:1-17



JOHN 15:1-16

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me.

JOHN 15:1-16

⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

JOHN 15:1-16

Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full

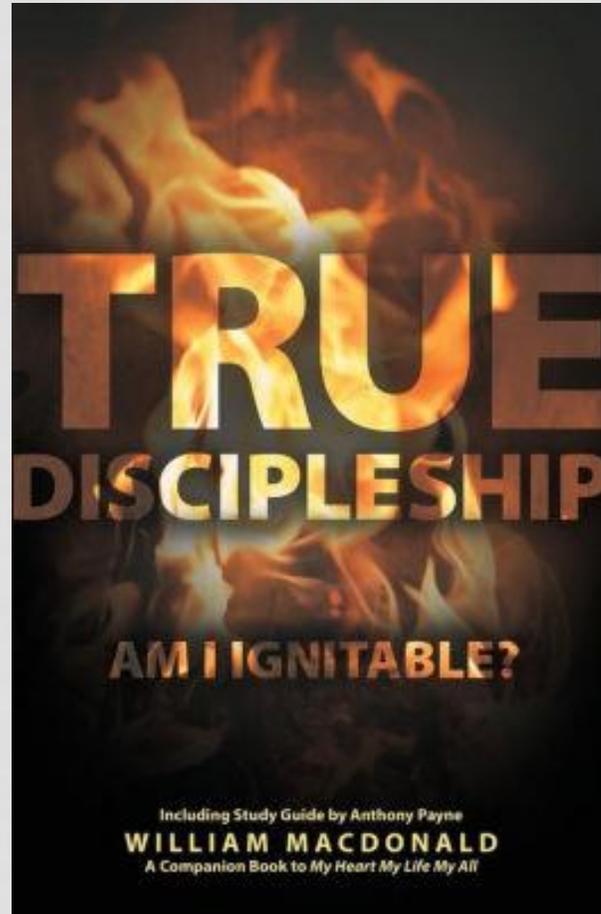
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¹² “This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are My friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

JOHN 15:1-16

¹⁶ You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. ¹⁷ This I command you, that you love one another.

TRUE DISCIPLESHIP – WILLIAM MACDONALD



JESUS CHRIST, THE TRUE DISCIPLE

The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples,
That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a
word.

He awakens Me morning by morning,
He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.

Isaiah 50:4

JOHN 15:1-17



I. PURE DEVOTION

5 *I am the vine, you are the branches;* he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

2. TOTAL DEPENDENCE

⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, **for apart from Me you can do nothing.**

3. COMPLETE OBEDIENCE

7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

4. FERVENT PRAYER

⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, **ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.** ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

5. ABUNDANT JOY

¹¹ These things I have spoken to you so *that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full*

6. SACRIFICIAL LOVE

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that **one lay down his life for his friends.**

¹⁷ This I command you, **that you love one another.**

7. LASTING FRUIT

¹⁶ You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, *and that your fruit would remain*, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

DEATH BEGETS LIFE

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; **but if it dies, it bears much fruit.**”

John 12:24