What Does A Disciple Do?

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36 "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?"

37 Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' (Matthew 22:36–39 NLT)

We are to love God and love others.

31 but I will do what the Father requires of me, so that the world will know that I love the Father... (John 14:31 NLT)

Jesus showed He loved the Father through His obedience.

Love for God and love for others is the <u>hallmark</u> of every Christian.

34 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.

35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." (John 13:34–35 NLT)

What does loving each other look like?

4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud 5 or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. 6 It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. 7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. (1 Corinthians 13:4–7 NLT)

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- Love is kind

- Love does not envy
- Love does not boast
- Love is not rude
- Love does not insist on its own way
- Love is not irritable
- Love is not resentful
- Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing
- Love rejoices in the truth
- Love bears all things
- Love believes all things
- Love hopes all things
- Love endures all things

How Can You Obey?

Practice fasting (Matthew 4:2; 6:16-18; 1 Corinthians 7:1-5)

Worship God by imaging Christ (Romans 12:1-2)

Confess and accept Christ's forgiveness (1 John 1:7–10)

Study the Bible (Acts 2:42)

Accept suffering (John 15:18–20)

Make more disciples (Matthew 28:18-20)

Be Part of A Christian Community (Acts 2:42-47)

Additional Notes:

If you would like to use your home to disciple others, check out our training at www.crosswaveschurch.com/host. Cross Waves has produced short videos to train you how to use your home to reach others for Christ. So please check it out.

Explore:

This series comes from the book, *What Does God Want?*Michael S. Heiser and Blind Spot Press, 2018.

Explore:

Today's Bible & Science segment comes from the book: Water, M. (2001). The Bible And Science Made Easy. Alresford, Hampshire: John Hunt Publishers Ltd.

Question 1 of 5

Why is obedience to God so important?

Question 2 of 5

Explain how to love others.

Question 3 of 5

Why is fasting important?

Question 4 of 5

Why is it important to confess our sin?

Question 5 of 5

Explain how suffering tests our loyalty to God. Shouldn't following God give us less pain in life? Please explain your answer.