

INTRODUCTION TO DISCIPLESHIP

- I. THE WORDS “DISCIPLE,” “DISCIPLESHIP” AND “DISCIPLER” DEFINED.
 - A. The Word *Disciple* Is Defined as, “a learner, a scholar, one who receives instruction from another; a follower, an adherent to the doctrines of another.”
 - B. The Word *Discipleship* Is Defined as, “the process of a disciple (follower) being brought up, taught or trained in doctrines and precepts.”
 - C. The Word *Discipler* Is Defined as, “one who trains, teaches or instructs another in basic Christian doctrine.”

- II. THERE ARE “SIX STEPS” NEEDED TO BECOME A DISCIPLER:
 - A. The *first Step* needed Is to **Be a Believer in the Lord Jesus Christ** (John 20:28-29; Acts 8:36-37; Rom 10:9-10).
 - B. The *second Step* needed Is to **Be a Follower of Jesus Christ** (John 8:12; Mat 4:19) or a Follower of one of His Disciples (1 Cor 11:1; Phil 3:17; 1 Thes 1:6).
 - C. The *third Step* needed Is to **Be a Denier of Oneself** (Luke 9:23; 14:26-27, 33).
 - D. The *fourth Step* needed Is to **Be a Learner of the Truth** (Mat 11:29; Mark 4:34; Luke 11:1; Isa 28:9-10).
 - E. The *fifth Step* needed Is to **Be a Doer of the Word of God** (Jas 1:22; Eph 2:10; 1 John 2:17).
 - A. The *sixth Step* needed Is to **Be a Teacher of Others** (Mat 28:19-20; Acts 20:20; 2 Tim 2:2).

- III. THERE ARE “SEVEN RESPONSIBILITIES” OF A DISCIPLER:
 - A. The *first Responsibility* of a Discipler Is to **Study and rightly Divide the Word of God** (2 Tim 2:15).
 - B. The *second Responsibility* of a Discipler Is to **Teach others** (2 Tim 2:2; Eph 4:11-12).

- C. The *third Responsibility* of a Disciplex Is to **Teach the Word of God** (Heb 5:12-14; 2 Tim 2:24-26).
- D. The *fourth Responsibility* of a Disciplex Is to **Guard against false Doctrine** (1Tim 6:20; 2 Tim 2:23; 2 Pet 2:1-3).
- E. The *fifth Responsibility* of a Disciplex Is to **Be a good Example to Others** Who Disciple (1 Cor 11:1; Phil 3:17).
- F. The *sixth Responsibility* of a Disciplex Is to **Take Persecution** (Rom 8:16-18; 1 Pet 4:12-16).
- B. The *seventh Responsibility* of a Disciplex Is to **Persevere** (to continue in spite of opposition) (Gal 6:9; Heb 12:1).

IV. THERE ARE “THREE COSTS” FOR A DISCIPLER:

- A. The *first Cost* for a Disciplex Is **His Love** (see 1 John 2:15-17; Mat 22:34-38 & cf. Luke 14:26; Mic 7:5-7).
- B. The *second Cost* for a Disciplex Is **His Life** (Luke 14:26; Mat 10:39).
- C. The *third Cost* for a Disciplex Is **His Service** (Mat 6:24; 16:24).

V. THERE ARE “FIVE REWARDS (Crowns)” FOR A DISCIPLER:

- A. The *first Reward* for a Disciplex Is an **Incorruptible Crown** for Self-denial (denying the flesh) in His Ministry to Others (1 Cor 9:24-27).
- B. The *second Reward* for a Disciplex Is a **Crown of Rejoicing** for His Soul Winning and Discipling of Others (1 Thes 2:8-13, 19).
- C. The *third Reward* for a Disciplex Is a **Crown of Righteousness** for His Loving of Christ’s Appearing (2 Tim 4:6-8).
- D. The *fourth Reward* for a Disciplex Is a **Crown of Life** (during Christ’s reign in the “Millennium”) for His Perseverance (Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10).
- E. The *fifth Reward* for a Disciplex Is a **Crown of Glory** for His Pastoring or Nurturing (spiritual training) of those who will Teach Others (1 Pet 5:1-4; 2 Tim 2:2).

VI. THERE ARE “TWO DANGERS” FOR DISCIPLES:

- A. The *first Danger* for Disciples Is **Disbelieving the Word of God** (see John 6:60-61, 64 & contr. Acts 27:25).
- B. The *second Danger* for Disciples Is **Falling away from Serving Jesus Christ** (Mat 13:20-21; John 6:66).