

Disciple: Be one, make one

Part 3: Discipleship Character

Matthew 28:16-20

Intro.:

We often think that Jesus' only responsibility was to come and die on the Cross in order to provide salvation for all people.

But He also had another primary responsibility: It was to Train Disciples who could Make more Disciples to follow and serve Him!

John 17:4

What was that work? That work had to do with Jesus Making and Training Disciples to carry on the ministry to Make More Disciples after Jesus ascends back to the Father.

That is why this is so important and why we have learned:

- That Jesus has Called us to be His Disciples, Luke 5
- Convictions of a Disciple, 2Tim. 1:3-14

Today we want to learn about the CHARACTER of a Disciple.

"The great end of being a Christian, a Disciple is to purify our hearts - and conquer our passions - to make us wise and better people - better neighbours - better citizens - and better servants of God."

So our Faith is to give us Character! Character is about: living our lives better according to our beliefs and convictions!

Jesus wants us, His Disciples to live with CHARACTER!

President Abraham Lincoln said, "Character is like a tree and reputation is like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing."

Character is who we are and living according to what we claim we are and believe! It is the Real YOU!

A. A Disciple's Character is Marked through Baptism, vs. 19

Romans 6:1-4

B. A Disciple's Character is Living in Obedience to the Lord, vs. 20a

Jesus loves us - we are saved by Grace - but our Response to the Lord is to live completely obedient to the Father

John 15:10

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Obedience doesn't earn salvation but is a response of our Salvation and commitment to Him.

John 15:9-10

Partial Obedience is really not Obedience!

So how are you living in Obedience to the Lord?

What are some things in your life that you know the Lord is calling you to Obey?

C. A Disciple's Character is Committed to Making Disciples, vs. 18

How?

1. Go - to those who need the Lord. We so often reverse this command of the Lord by calling people to "Come".

2. Establish them in Christ, - Rom. 10:9-10

3. Teach them to Obey vs. 20a

4. Setting an example of priority to Make more Disciples.

It is something that the Lord calls us as His Disciples to do.

D. A Disciple's Character Relies on the Lord and not self, vs. 18b & 20b

Phil. 4:13, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Conclusion:

Character is essential for a Disciple!

"Character is what you are in the Dark."

We need to know that Jesus calls us to be His Disciples.

We need to have Convictions of our Beliefs - if we don't, we will not fully act on those beliefs.

But we also need to know that a Disciple is a person of Character - a person of purpose and moral integrity - not just on Sunday's or when other Christians around.

BE A DISCIPLE OF CHARACTER!