

# **“DISCIPLE’S OF CHRIST!”**

## **> WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?**

**> Observe the TEST OF DISCIPLESHIP according to JESUS:**

**#1 – Confess Jesus Christ Before Men - Matthew 10:32-39**

**#2 – Leaving All to Follow Jesus Christ - Luke 14:25-28**

**#3 – Answer the Call of Jesus Christ - John 21:15-19**

## **> STEP BY STEP DISCIPESHIP:**

### **> STEP #1 - BELIEVE THE WORD!**

**- The Bible is Inspired - 2 Timothy 3:16,17** - *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

**- The Bible is Infallible - Psalm 119:89** - *Forever, O LORD, your word is settled in heaven.* **Isa 40:8** - *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever."*

**- The Bible is Authoritative - 2 Peter 1:19-21** - *And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

**- The Bible is Inerrant - Psalm 19:8** - *The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;* **Matt 5:18** - *"For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.*

**- The Bible is All Sufficient - Hebrews 4:12** - *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.* **Jer 15:16** - *Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.*

\* At a very moderate rate, the entire Bible can be read in about 70 hours. That works out to about 52 hours for the Old Testament and 18 hours for the New Testament. If one reads systematically 4 chapters per day you will finish the entire Bible in 9 to 10 months.

### **STEP #2 - A WORD OF PRAYER! - Psalm 119:18**

**Ps 119:18** - *Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.*

### **STEP #3 - STUDY THE WORD!**

**- Desire the Word - 1 Peter 2:2** - *as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,*

**- Search the Scriptures - John 5:39** - *"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.* **Acts 17:11** - *These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.*

**- Learn the Scriptures - Romans 15:4** - *For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*

**- Study the Word - 2 Timothy 2:15** - *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

### **STEP #4- UNDERSTAND THE WORD!**

#### **> INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY:**

- **OBSERVATION**- What does the text say?
- **INTERPRETATION**- What does the text mean?
- **APPLICATION**- What does the text mean to me?

#### **> OBSERVATION - What does the text say?**

Rudyard Kipling once wrote: I keep six honest serving men (they taught me all I knew); their names are What and Why and When and How and Where and Who.

**> OBSERVE -** **Who?** Who is the author? To whom is he writing? Who is he writing about?

**What?** What happened and in what order? What ideas are presented?

**Where?** Where did this take place? Study with a map and every time a place is mentioned, look it up on the map.

**When?** When was the letter written and when did the events take place. Look it up in the Bible dictionary or handbook. When do certain things in the letter happen in relationship to other events in the letter?

**Why?** Why does a particular person do or say something: Why is a particular teaching presented?

**How?** How are things accomplished; how did they do that

**Discover:** **KEY WORDS** - *Repetition of a word or phrase.*

> **INTERPRETATION**- **What does the text mean?**

1- Consider the Context:

- Immediate context
- Book context
- Context of other writings by the same author
- Context of the Testament (Old or New)
- Context of entire Bible (i.e. - “put on the new man”)

2- Consider historical & cultural background- (i.e. - “Good Samaritan”)

3- Consider the word meanings- Definitions- Hebrew - O.T., Greek- N.T.

> **APPLICATION**- **What does the text mean to me?**

Howard Hendricks writes:

1- An **EXAMPLE** to **FOLLOW**.

2- A **SIN** to **AVOID**.

3- A **PROMISE** to **CLAIM**.

4- A **PRAAYER** to **REPEAT**.

5- A **COMMAND** to **OBEY**.

6- A **CONDITION** to **MEET**.

7- An **ERROR** to **MARK**.

8- A **CHALLENGE** to **FACE**.

**EXAMPLE: PSALM 1** - Theme – “*Let’s Get Blessed!*”

> **OBSERVATION** - “Two men, two ways, two destinies”

> **KEY WORD** - “*Blessed*”- Heb.- *esher* – Happy!

“*Meditate*”- Heb.- *haga*- ponder, melody over and over.

> **INTERPRETATION** - *How to be blessed of the LORD?*

Do not (v1)

Do – (v2)

Blessing (v3)

Cursing (v4-5)

Results (v6)

> **APPLICATION** - *Meditate on the Word day & night!*