

## *Journey of an Influencer*

### **Topic: Characteristics of a Disciple**

#### **2 Timothy 2:2**

*“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”*

#### **I. WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?**

- A. English Definition: A student or follower of a teacher or doctrine
- B. Greek Definition: A Learner

#### **II. CHARACTERISTICS OF A DISCIPLE**

- A. **Willing to serve.** This is a lesson that Jesus repeatedly had to teach his status seeking disciples. (**John 13:1-7, Mark 10:35-45**)
- B. **Learning to listen.**
  - 1. Simon Peter was full of bright ideas on the Mount of Transfiguration, but God told him to listen to His Son. (**Luke 9:35**)
  - 2. Martha, impatiently hurrying around preparing a meal while Jesus was talking, was gently rebuked for not being like quiet Mary, who was sitting listening to Him. (**Luke 10:38**)
- C. **Willing to learn.** When Jesus spoke of His coming sufferings and death, Peter blurted out, “God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” The stinging reply was something Peter never forgot. (**Matthew 16:21-23**)
- D. **Learning to tithe.** (**Malachi 3:10, Leviticus 27:30**)
  - 1. 10% of your gross income.
  - 2. God does not need your money; He wants your heart. Tithing is a condition of the heart. (**Luke 21:1-4**)
- E. **Willing to share the gospel of Christ with others** through street evangelism or one on-one witnessing. (**1 John 1:1-3, Acts. 1:8, Matthew 28:19-20**)
- F. **Learning humility** and is glad when others are blessed. (**Philippians 2:3-4**)
  - 1. Humility is a foundational characteristic of a Christian (Disciples of Jesus).
    - a. Inward humility in your self-perception. (**Matthew 5:3**)
    - b. Demonstrating outward humility in your interactions with others. (**Matthew 5:5**)

G. **Examines their own life** before criticizing others. (**Matthew 7:1-5**)

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H. **Knowing their weaknesses** and allowing God's grace to work through them as they grow. (**2 Corinthians 12:9**)

I. **Willing to forgive.** (**Matthew 18:21, Matthew 6:14-15**)

J. **Reproducing themselves** in others through generational discipleship. (**2 Timothy 2:2**)

K. **Good steward** who understands that they must be found faithful as a steward or manager of what God has entrusted. (**Matthew 25:14, 1 Corinthians 4:2, Luke 16:10**)

L. **Not easily discouraged** and understanding that the Lord Jesus has overcome the world. (**John 16:33, 2 Corinthians 4:8-11**)

M. **Does their very best** whether the task is great or small. (**Colossians 3:17, 23**)

N. **Uses their time wisely** by seeing time as a gift from God. (**Ephesians 5:15-17**)

O. **Lives to please God** over every other desire. (**Romans 12:1-2**)

P. **Quick to obey when God speaks.** When Peter heard Jesus' instructions on the Sea of Galilee, he obeyed and had astonishing results. (**Luke 5:4-11**)

Q. **Has faith in God no matter what** they may face in life. They begin to understand the sovereignty of God and know that God is in control of all life affairs. (**Romans 8:28, Hebrews 11:6**)

R. They are **not busybodies, nor do they gossip.** (**1 Thessalonians 4:11, 1 Timothy 5:13**)

S. **Willing to answer God's call** and willing to adjust and change as the Lord requires them. (**Matthew 4:18-20**)

T. They have a **clear understanding of God's priorities.** (**Matthew 6:33**)

### **Helpful Tips:**

1. Recognize the need for discipleship.
2. If you are not being discipled now, look for someone who is following Jesus in your church and ask him/her to show you how to follow Jesus.
3. Join a ministry in your church that you can grow and serve.

