

DAILY READING: LIVE AS A DISCIPLE

I became a disciple of Jesus when I accepted Him as my Lord. What is a disciple? A disciple is a follower, a student, and an apprentice (*learner*). A disciple is one who is becoming like the Master. I am becoming more like my Master, Jesus. This means every day I will take up my cross and make sacrifices (*forfeit or give up my own way*). I will live for God by loving and serving others. I will spend time growing a deeper friendship with Jesus through Bible reading, prayer, and listening – being in His presence. He trains me, encourages me, and guides me in how to live as His disciple. Following Jesus is a lifestyle. I will sacrifice my own way and choose to follow Him and live like Him. It is not enough to say I am a follower of Jesus. I am a disciple of Jesus and I have given my whole self to Him.

DAILY STUDY: LIVE AS A DISCIPLE

DAY 1: Take Up Your Cross – Luke 9:23-25 (page 1015);

Matthew 10:38 (page 952); 1 Kings 19:19-21 (page 351)

DAY 2: Count the Cost – Luke 14:25-33 (page 1024);

Proverbs 20:25 (page 634)

DAY 3: Remain in Christ – John 15:1-17 (page 1060)

DAY 4: Live as Jesus Did – 1 John 2:3-6 (page 1240)

DAY 5: Lose Your Life to Gain It – Mark 8:34-38 (page 986)

DAY 6: Deny Yourself – Luke 14:26-17 (page 1024);

Matthew 16:24 (page 959)

DAY 7: Live This Life – Romans 8:13 (page 1114);

Colossians 3:5 (page 1178); 2 Timothy 3:12 (page 1200)

Take time to learn the memory verse
and have fun doing the activity.



Disciples

Jesus had 12 disciples who hung out with Him a lot of the time. Their names were Peter, Andrew, James, John, Phillip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James, Jude, Simon, and Judas. Some of their jobs, before they became a disciple, included being fishermen and tax (money) collectors.

ACTIVITY: What Can You Do Without?

Being a disciple of Jesus requires you to live for Jesus and not for yourself. To live as a disciple of Jesus means you are willing to give up living your life however you want and live it as Jesus wants. That means you turn everything over to Jesus and you follow Him. How about practicing giving up? This isn't nearly as big as giving up your life, but it is good practice.

STEPS:

Choose one thing that is important to you. For example: a favorite video game, dessert, or sport. Try doing without this item for a day or even better a week. Write about how you felt giving that thing up every day. Share with someone in your family or church what it was like for you to do without your favorite thing for a day or week.

MEMORY VERSE:

Luke 9:23
"Then he said to the crowd, 'If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your own selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me.'" Luke 9:23