

# WE ARE DISCIPLES-II

What it Means to Follow Jesus – [part 2](#)

## 1. You must spend time with JESUS.

**John 12:26a** “If you want to be my disciple you must come and follow me, because my servants must be where I am.” (NLT)

## 2. You must love Jesus more than anything else.

**Luke 14:26** “If you want to be my follower you must by comparison love me more than your own father & mother, wife & children, brothers & sisters— even more than your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.” (TLB)

**Mark 12:29-30** “The most important commandment is this... You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.”

## 3. You must love the other disciples.

**John 13:35** “If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples.”

- a. Spiritual growth only happens in community.

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## 4. You must do what God tells you to do.

**John 8:31-32** <sup>31</sup> Jesus told the people who had faith in him, If you keep obeying what I have said, you truly are my disciples. <sup>32</sup> And, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (CEV)

### FOUR REALITIES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- a. Spiritual growth is an ongoing process.
- b. Spiritual growth is measured by obedience.
- c. Spiritual growth is based on God’s Word and not human opinion.
- d. Spiritual growth sets me free.

**1 Corinthians 8:1b** We know that “We all possess knowledge.” But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. (NIV)

**2 Corinthians 3:18** <sup>18</sup> All of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. (NLT)

**John 15:7-8** <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! <sup>8</sup> For when you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father. (NLT)

**John 15:7-8** <sup>8</sup> When you produce fruit—it shows that you are my true disciple. (NLT)

**Matthew 7:16a** <sup>16</sup> By their fruit you will recognize them. (NIV)

## 5. You must serve others unselfishly.

**Mark 9:35** <sup>35</sup> Jesus said, “Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.”(NLT)

**Matthew 20:28** <sup>28</sup> For even I, the Son of Man, came, not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many." (NLT)

a. You're never going to grow spiritually until you learn to sacrifice.

**Mathew 16:24** <sup>24</sup> "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine (disciple), let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. (TLB)

## 6. You must pass on the Good News.

**Mathew 4:18-20** <sup>18</sup> One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. <sup>19</sup> Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people."<sup>20</sup> And they left their nets at once and followed him. (NLT)

**2 Timothy 2:2** <sup>2</sup> You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others. (NLT)

**Mark 8:35**<sup>35</sup> If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. (NLT)