



The Costs Of Discipleship

- ❖ Jesus must come first. Luke 14:26-33
 - Before family. Matthew 10:34-37
 - Before self. Luke 9:23-25
- ❖ Must be willing to suffer. Luke 14:27; 2 Timothy 3:12
- ❖ Renounce all that we have to follow Jesus. Luke 14:33; cf. John 6

The Rewards Of Discipleship

- ❖ Future blessings. Romans 5:9; cf. Romans 6:23; 11:22
- ❖ Present blessings.
 - Forgiveness. Acts 2:38
 - Prayer. John 9:31; 1 Peter 3:12
 - Peace. Phil. 4:4ff; 1 Peter 5:6
 - Family. Galatians 3:26ff; Romans 8:16-17

The Beginning Of Discipleship

"Go make disciples." **TEACH**
 God calls the lost through teaching.
 John 6:44-45; Romans 10:8-13, 14-17;
 Note: Acts 16:9-10

Discipleship is the result of an informed decision. cf. Romans 6:16-18

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"Go make disciples." **BAPTIZE**
 Water Baptism is Essential:

- ❖ For a relationship with God. Matthew 28:19 (Galatians 3:27)
- ❖ For salvation. Mark 16:16 (1 Peter 3:21)
- ❖ For remission of sins. Acts 2:38
- ❖ For cleansing. Acts 22:16
- ❖ For new life in Christ. Romans 6:3-4

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"Go make disciples." **TEACHING THEM...**

- ❖ Bible teaching and learning is to a new Christian what milk is to a new baby. 1 Peter 2:2; cf. Acts 2:41, 46; 5:12, 42
- ❖ God measures spiritual strength and maturity by our interest in, our commitment to and our growth in learning and living God's word. Hebrews 5:11-12.

Are You A Disciple?

- ❖ One who seeks to be like Christ.
- ❖ One who abides in His word.
- ❖ One who loves the brethren.
- ❖ One who bears much fruit.
- ❖ One who puts Jesus first, no matter the cost.
- ❖ One who enjoys the blessings and shares in the responsibilities of being in Christ.