

## Mark of a Disciple

*“The righteousness of God  
is revealed from faith to faith;  
as it is written,  
“The just shall live by faith.”*

*Romans 1:17*

What does scripture teach us about living by faith in God?

Proverbs 3:5-6: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

Joshua 1:9: “This is my command, be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Isaiah 26:3-4, “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.”

As such:

John 3:16: “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Why are we commanded to walk by faith?

Hebrews 11:6: “Without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

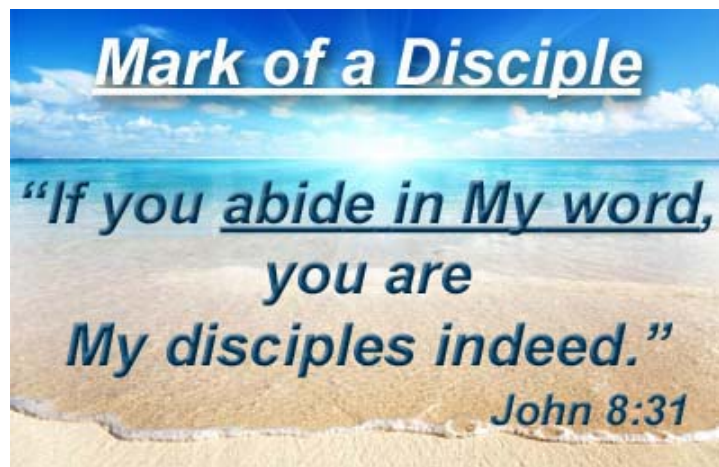
1John 5:4: “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith.”

Therefore:

1 Timothy 6:12, “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called.”

How strong is my faith so as to fully trust God, and live to follow Christ the Lord right now?

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What does the Word of God teach us about abiding in Christ?

John 15:4: "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me."

2 John 9: "Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son."

Galatians 2:20: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

How must I then live to abide in Christ?

Colossians 3:1-2: "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Colossians 2:6: "Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him."

Romans 12:2: "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

1 John 3:24: "Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in him."

Do I wholeheartedly abide in Christ, and so live by His Word?

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## Mark of a Disciple

*“A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.”*

*Luke 6:40*

What does scripture tell us about being obedient to Christ and follow His teachings?

1 John 2:3-6: “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His Word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”

Romans 6:4: “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Our only secure source of knowledge being:

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.”

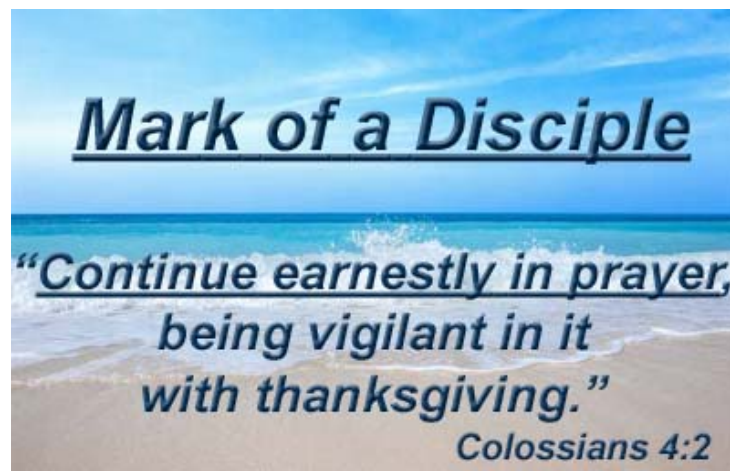
Therefore:

2 Timothy 2:15: “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.”

1 Peter 5:8: “Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”

Do I live to follow the teachings of Christ?

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Why is steadfast prayer required for a true disciple of Christ?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: “Pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.”

What’s more?

Matthew 26:41: “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.”

Matthew 5:44, “I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.”

How do I pray?

Matthew 6:6: “When you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.”

Philippians 4:6-7: “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

As such:

Psalms 145:18, “The LORD *is* near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.”

Therefore:

Hebrews 4:16: “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

1 Peter 4:7: “The end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.”

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**“For even the Son of Man  
came not to be served but  
to serve others  
and to give his life  
as a ransom for many.”**

**Matthew 20:28**

A true disciple is indeed a servant for Christ. How does the Word of God instruct us on servanthood?

John 12:26: “Whoever serves Me must follow Me; and where I am, My servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves Me.”

As such:

Mark 9:35: “Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

What’s more?

Romans 12:10-11: “Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”

Why?

1 Peter 2:9: “You *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

Galatians 5:13, “For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”

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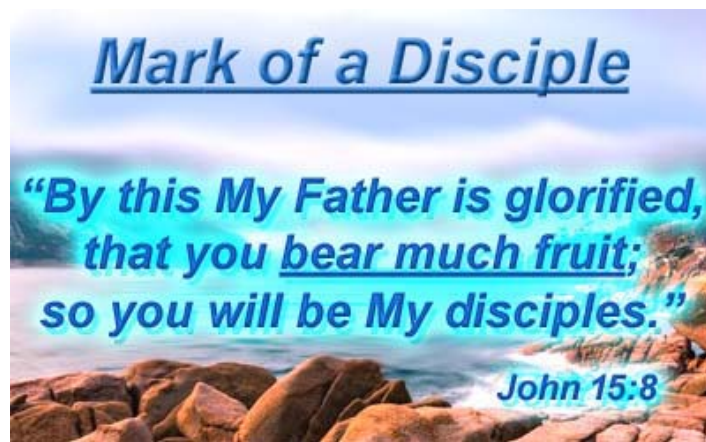
1 Samuel 12:24, “Fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart.”

Colossians 3:23-24: “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

On a scale of 1 to 10, how would I rate my service to the Lord?

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What did Jesus teach us about bearing fruit as His disciple?

John 15:4-5: "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

John 15:16: "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you."

The purpose being:

Colossians 1:10: "That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."

Romans 7:4: "So that you may joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God."

As such:

Galatians 5:22-23: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

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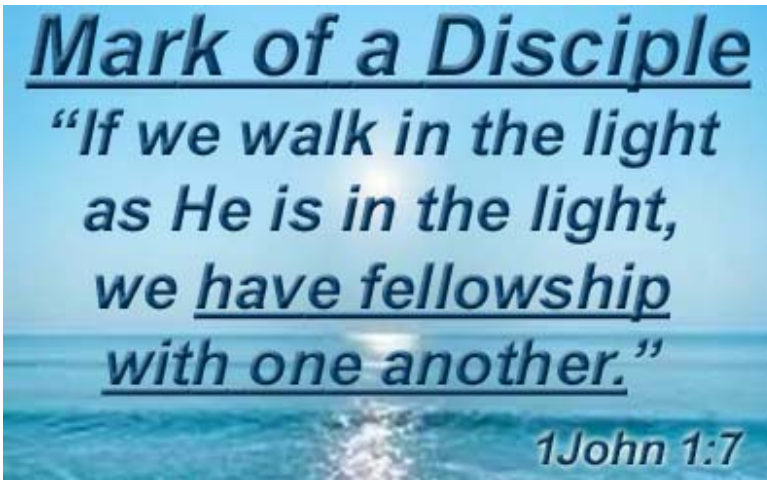
1 John 2:6: "Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did."

What's more?

Galatians 5:16: "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

How plenty is the harvest of fruit in my life to honor God as a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ?

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As believers in Christ, each and every member of the Body must grow and work together into the knowledge of God in Christ Jesus.

How does the Word of God define this?

Hebrews 10:24-25: “Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Why?

1 Corinthians 12:12: “Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.”

What’s more?

1 Corinthians 1:9, “God *is* faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

And as Jesus said:

Matthew 18:20: “Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

Therefore:

1 Thessalonians 5:11: “Comfort each other and edify one another.”

Galatians 6:2, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

The reason why we are warned:

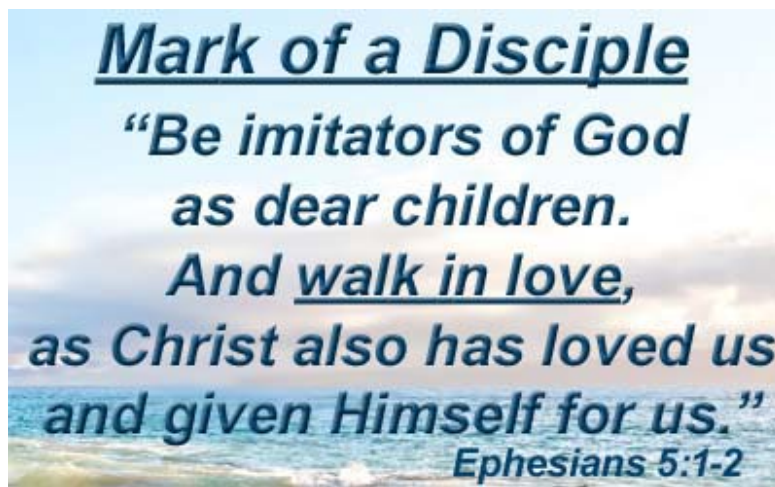
2 Corinthians 6:14: “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness?

And what communion has light with darkness?”

Am I steadfastly in fellowship with the Body of Christ?

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What did Jesus teach us about loving God and our neighbor?

Matthew 22:37-39, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is *the* first and great commandment. And *the* second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

John 13:34-35, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

What's more?

Matthew 5:44-45, "But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven."

Why must we walk in love?

1 John 4:7, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."

How is this accomplished?

Ephesians 4:1-3, "I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Galatians 6:2, "Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ."

How committed am I to walk in love just as Christ did for me?

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**“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.**

*Ephesians 4:32*

While we always desire that people forgive us whenever we have offended them, we, as well, must forgive those who offend us.

What did Jesus teach us on forgiveness?

Matthew 6:14-15, “If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

Luke 6:37, “Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”

Luke 6:36, “Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.”

Mark 11:25, “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.”

Why?

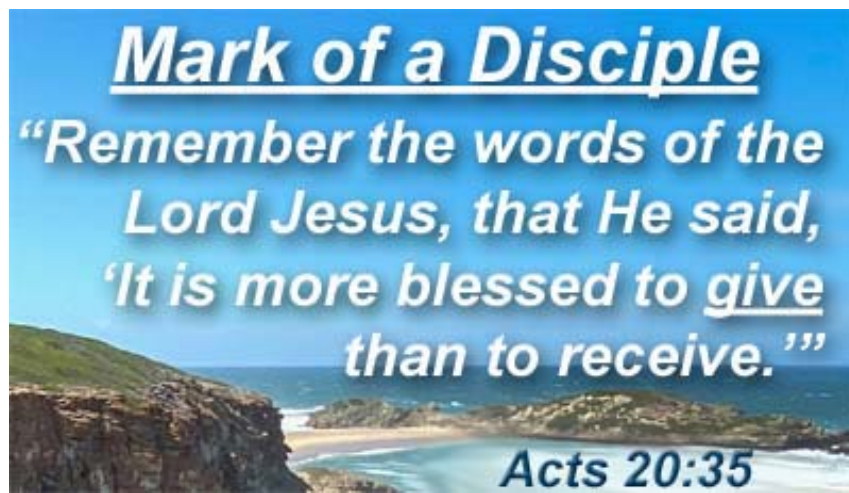
Matthew 7:2, “For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Therefore:

Colossians 3:12-13, “As *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.”

How willing am I to forgive those who have offended me, and so be a true disciple of Christ?

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Why should a true disciple of Christ be a cheerful giver to honor God? Deuteronomy 16:17, "Every man *shall give* as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you."

As such:

2 Corinthians 9:6-7, "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. *So let each one give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."

Proverbs 19:17, "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and He will reward them for what they have done."

What's more?

Luke 6:38, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Hebrews 13:16, "Don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God."

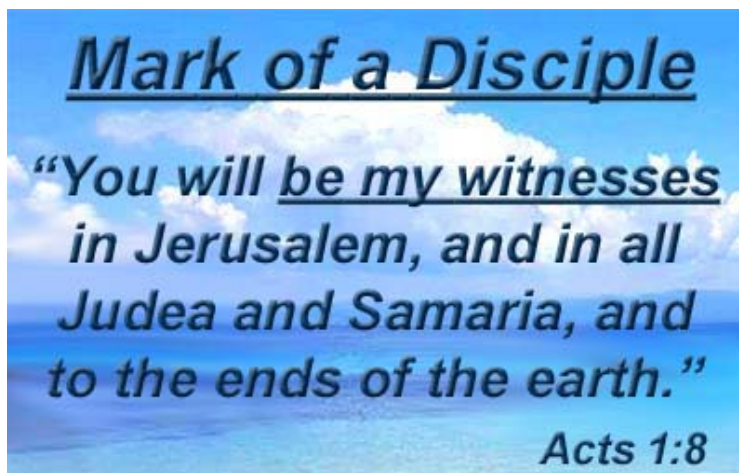
Proverbs 3:27, "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so."

A thought to ponder:

1 John 3:17, "Whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?"

Do I have a giving heart in obedience to Christ, as a true disciple should?

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Why must we be witnesses for Christ?

1 Peter 2:9, “You *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

Matthew 5:14-16, “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Acts 10:42, “He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the One whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.”

What’s more?

Romans 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.”

How is that achieved?

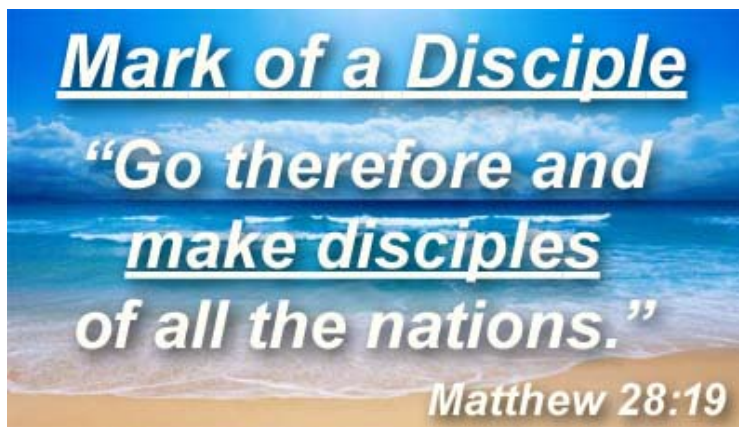
1 Peter 3:15-16, “Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”

The reason Jesus commanded us:

Mark 16:15, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”

When was the last time I shared the gospel of salvation with anyone?

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Is it the mission of every believer to make disciples?

In Jesus' own words:

John 13:15-17: "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

Matthew 4:19: "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

As such:

Colossians 1:28: "Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

What's more?

Romans 10:13-14: "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved. But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?"

Why then is it our mission to make disciples?

1 Peter 2:21: "For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps."

Ephesians 2:10: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

As a result:

2 Corinthians 5:20: "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ."

Am I?

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