

Discipleship Covenant

"Moses summoned all Israel and said: Hear, O Israel the decrees and laws I declare in your hearing today. Learn them and be sure to follow them. The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Horeb" (Deuteronomy 5: 1, 2).

Christians also have entered into a covenant with God (through Jesus Christ). His command is three-fold. 1. *Hearing* God's Word. 2. *Learning* God's Word. 3. *Following* God's Word. All are essential to a growing relationship with God.

A disciple is a hearer, learner and follower. In the case of Christianity, a disciple is a hearer, learner, and follower of Jesus Christ. Jesus no longer walks the earth to personally disciple individuals, as He did with the apostles. He has left His Word in the hands of faithful disciples who have the responsibility of discipling each other, and the world. "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others" (2 Timothy 2:2 NIV).

The purpose of discipleship is to help us grow into a mature relationship with Jesus.

"We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ (Colossians 1: 28 NIV)."

Once we have been nurtured and instructed in the discipleship process, we should take what we have learned and share with others. (See 2 Timothy 2:2)

The discipleship process involves four basic commitments:

- 1. A daily quiet time.**
- 2. Meeting weekly, except by mutual arrangement with your discipleship partner.**
- 3. Doing all of the work assigned to you each week.**
- 4. Share with others what you have *heard, have learned and are following.***

What is Commitment?

When we became Christians, we get something and God gets something. We get eternal life, the forgiveness of sins, the gift of the Holy Spirit, assurance of salvation, at least one spiritual gift for ministry, fellowship in the body of Christ (the Church), new sisters and brothers in the family of God and the list goes on and on.

But what does God get? A few gifts we can gather up? NO! He gets you, all of you! We love the first part of the arrangement but not the second. Commitment is understanding the terms of the covenant relationship we have with God. We are committing all of us to all of Him. Commitment is loyalty, regardless of the cost. Commitment places itself at God's disposal and is always available. Commitment does not change colors when circumstances change. Commitment never retires early and never puts God on hold. Commitment to God means following His Son.

Jesus is still looking for individuals who are willing to Follow Him.

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