



**Sunday March 29, 2020**  
**A Disciple of Jesus Christ**  
**Part 3: The Fruits - The Life of A Disciple**

**Review**

**Moving from Being A Believer To Disciple**

THE LORD JESUS HAS CALLED US TO BE HIS DISCIPLES, NOT JUST BELIEVERS.

The Great Commission

BECOMING A DISCIPLE BY ENROLLING AS A LEARNER, OR PUPIL

Be immersed

Be taught.

Through the books of Acts, Every believer was a disciple!

DISCIPLES ARE IMITATORS OF THEIR TEACHER. A disciple is someone who is becoming like his teacher.

A DISCIPLE IS A LEARNER AND FOLLOWER OF HIS TEACHER, COMMITTED TO BECOMING LIKE HIS TEACHER.

As disciples of Jesus we are committed to understanding His heart, knowing His mind, living for His purposes, living life His way, and doing His works (what he would do).

Jesus said "*it is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher*". THIS IS THE NECESSARY AND SUFFICIENT END GOAL OF BEING HIS DISCIPLE, THAT WE BECOME LIKE HIM.

**The Father's Plan**

**What Discipleship is Not**

**Overcoming Practical Challenges**

**What Jesus Said About Being His Disciple**

**PART 2: THE PROCESS**

We have to be perfectly trained as disciples, to become like our Teacher and Master.

We will outline the training process with these five statements:

#1, Training In His Presence (Be With Jesus)

#2, Training Of His Word (Live By His Word)

#3, Training Of His Spirit (Yield To The Spirit)

#4, Training Through Fellowship (Fellowship With And Serve Other Disciples)

#5, Training Of The Cross (Carry Your Cross Daily)



## TODAY : PART-3 : THE FRUITS - THE LIFE OF A DISCIPLE

As we yield to the Lord's training process in our lives, what evidence (fruit) will we see? What did Jesus say that believers will express through their lives, as evidence that they are His disciples?

Jesus mentioned these five expressions (outcomes) in the life of a disciple:

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- #5, A Disciple Lives and Dies for the Master

This is what we will see working out in our lives as we progress in our journey of being disciples of Jesus Christ.

We will consider each in detail.

### #1, A Disciple Walks in Love

#### John 13:34-35

**34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.**

**35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.**

This is true as an individual expression. I must walk in love and as people see me love others as Christ loves them, they will know that I am a disciple of Jesus Christ.

This is also true as a community expression. We must be a people who demonstrate Christ's love for one another.

#### 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (TPT)

**4 Love is large and incredibly patient. Love is gentle and consistently kind to all. It refuses to be jealous when blessing comes to someone else. Love does not brag about one's achievements nor inflate its own importance.**

**5 Love does not traffic in shame and disrespect, nor selfishly seek its own honor. Love is not easily irritated or quick to take offense.**

**6 Love joyfully celebrates honesty and finds no delight in what is wrong.**

**7 Love is a safe place of shelter, for it never stops believing the best for others. Love never takes failure as defeat, for it never gives up.**

**8 Love never stops loving...**



We must walk in this kind of love.

Parents - your children should see this in you

Young people -

At work -

Where ever we go -

As a church community - people should see this amongst us. Especially at a time like this when we are "locked down", quarantined at home, isolated because of social distancing, etc. ..take time to reach out. Call somebody. Talk to them. Pray with them. If possible order some food online for them.

## **#2, A Disciple Bears Increasing Fruit**

### **John 15:1-17**

While there is lot that we can draw from this passage we will examine it specifically from the aspect of being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

We see in this passage that the Lord Jesus relates glorying the Father and fruitfulness as marks, indicators, proof or expressions of a disciple.

### **John 15:8**

**By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.**

### **John 15:8 (TPT)**

**When your lives bear abundant fruit, you demonstrate that you are my mature disciples who glorify my Father!**

### **John 15:8 (AMPC)**

**When you bear (produce) much fruit, My Father is honored and glorified, and you show and prove yourselves to be true followers of Mine.**

An outcome of going through the discipleship process is for us to produce much or abundant fruit. Bearing much fruit glorifies the Father and also proves that we are His disciples.

What is the fruit we are to bear that glorifies the Father, and shows and proves that we are disciples of Jesus Christ.

We see three expressions of fruit that Jesus refers to here in John 15:1-17.

The fruit Jesus is referring to in John 15 is revealed in the disciple's life in these three ways:

A) Fruit is Christ's Character Expressed

B) Fruit is Christ's Desires Fulfilled



C) Fruit is Christ's Assignment Accomplished

A disciple will be increasing in all three of these as they continue to grow as a disciple and progress in training of a disciple.

***A) Fruit is Christ's Character Expressed***

Jesus is the Vine, we are branches on the vine. The fruit the branches bear express the life of the vine flowing in them. This talks about Christ being revealed or expressed through us.

When Christ is formed in you, Christ will be revealed through you.

(Lets say it out aloud...WHEN CHRIST IS FORMED IN ME, CHRIST WILL BE REVEALVED THROUGH ME) based on Galatians 4:19.

**Galatians 5:22-23**

The fruit the branches bear, are not only an EXPRESSION OF THE LIFE OF THE VINE flowing in them, they are also an EXPRESSION OF REPRODUCTION, e.g. seeds in the grape to reproduce more fruit. We will discuss more about this later.

***B) Fruit is Christ's Desires Fulfilled***

Another aspect of the fruit that Jesus said we will bear is expressed through answered prayer. We see this in two verses in vs 7 and vs 16:

**John 15:7,16**

**7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.**

**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.**

How could Jesus give a "blank cheque", speaking figuratively, like this?

**John 15:14-15**

**14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.**

**15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.**

A servant obey because of a command or instruction.

A friend does what pleases the other, because they know the friends heart.

OUR DESIRES AND PRAYERS BECOME AN EXPRESSION OF CHRIST'S OWN DESIRES AND THROUGH PRAYER WE SEE THESE FULFILLED. We pray for these and we see these actually fulfilled. This is fruit we bear.



### ***C) Fruit is Christ's Assignment Accomplished***

#### **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.**

He chose us. He selected us. He made a choice and picked us out.

He appointed us.

The word "appoint" (Greek '*tithemi*') means "to put" or "to set" in place for any form of service.

This word is often used in connection with ministry assignment. Some examples:

Acts 20:20 The Holy Spirit "has made" these elders overseers of the church

1 Timothy 1:12 Jesus has put Paul into the ministry

1 Timothy 2:7 and 2 Timothy 1:11 Paul was appointed as a preacher, a teacher and an apostle to the Gentiles

Here we see that bearing fruit has to do with His selection and appointing us for a specific assignment.

Hence, we state that the fruit we are called to bear is to see Christ's assignment on our individual lives' fulfilled.

So as a disciple this is the fruit you will bear in an increasing measure:

- A) Fruit is Christ's Character Expressed
- B) Fruit is Christ's Desires Fulfilled
- C) Fruit is Christ's Assignment Accomplished

#### ***Abide In Me, And I In You***

All of these three expressions of fruitfulness come as a result of "abiding in Him and He in me".

What does "abide in Me and I in you" mean? How do we live this out in increasing measure in our lives?

### **#3, A Disciple Does the Works of the Master**

#### **Mark 3:14-15**

**14 Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach,**

**15 and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons:**



#### **Matthew 10:1,7-8**

**1** And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

**7** And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

**8** Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

#### **John 14:12**

**Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.**

#### **Matthew 28:19-20**

**19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

#### **#4, A Disciple Makes More Disciples**

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**20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Why Disciple others?

Part of the training or discipling process happens through fellowship with others who are disciples of Jesus Christ.

#### **1 Corinthians 11:1**

**Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.**

#### **Philippians 4:9**

**The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.**

#### **2 Timothy 3:10-11**

**10** But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,

**11** persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me.

Life to life, in the middle of life influence we have on other people.



A HANDS TO HEART TO HEAD APPROACH. We do things together. The heart then begins to embrace the truth that inspires us to do what we are doing. And then finally the head begins to align itself and understand why we believe and why we do what we do.

#### **#5, A Disciple Lives and Dies for the Master**

NOT ALL OF US WILL DIE AS MARTYRS, BUT ALL OF US CAN LAY DOWN OUR LIVES FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST.

#### **Matthew 10:22**

**22 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.**

Lose your life for My sake, you will find it.

#### **Revelation 12:11**

**And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.**

#### **SUMMARY**

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#### **MINISTRY TIME | SALVATION CALL**

There is nothing too hard for God. Nothing impossible with God.

Proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior, Healer, Deliver, Miracle Worker.

He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

The power of the Holy Spirit and all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for us today.

We have been commissioned to do the works He did and even greater works.

We must come to Him in faith and we will receive.

Minister for people to receive healings, deliverances and miracles.

Take testimonies.

Lead in prayer for repentance and salvation.



## **CORONAVIRUS & COVID-19 Q&A**

### **Question 1:**

*"How great is our God , government arranged lockdown from the 26 March 2020 and the Bible verse Isaiah 26:20 says Go home, my people and lock your doors! Hide yourself for a little while until the Lords' anger has passed isn't that amazing? And further to this....The Lord commanded a lockdown during passover in Egypt....when the Angel of death passed over..the Israelites where protected by the blood of the lamb - Thursday the 16th of April is when passover ends...As you all know that's when our lockdown is lifted ....21 days is the 16th 🙏 Gods timing's incredible. Wow and we are all protected guys...so we might think it's not hard to stay home....but ....its from God"*

*is it applicable in these current times?*

*where has this virus come from?*

*is God angry now?*

### **1) The result of our own doing**

"Ministering Healing & Deliverance" Chapter 2, pages 54-61

There is the natural process of corruption and decay (Romans 8:19-23)

We see the role of human responsibility (Psalm 115:16)

The ultimate source of sin, sickness and disease is satan, and so we resist it.

### **2) A sign of the end times**

**Luke 21:11**

**And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.**

as on March 26,2020 (Source: <https://www.who.int/>)

416,686 confirmed cases

18,589 deaths

196 countries, areas or territories with cases

### **3) What God's end time judgment will look like**

The Seal of Judgments occur after the rapture of the Church. This is the beginning of the program of God to pour out judgment upon the earth.

Revelation

6:5-6, Third seal : (the black horse) great famine and scarcity of food [Matthew 24:7b-8]

6:7-8, Fourth seal : (the pale horse) great death and destruction due to war, famines, disease and plagues

6:9-10, Fifth seal : great persecution with many martyred for their faith in Jesus [Matthew 24:9-12]

6:11-12, Sixth seal : ecological disasters earthquakes, and other phenomena [Matthew 24:29; Isaiah 13:6-13; Joel 2:10-11]





## Revelation

8:7, First Trumpet : hail, fire, mingled with blood. 1/3rd of vegetation destroyed

8:8, Second Trumpet : mountain of fire thrown into the sea, 1/3rd of sea becomes blood, destroying 1/3rd of sea creatures and ships at sail.

8:10, Third Trumpet : Wormwood cast on water bodies, making a 1/3rd of all water bodies bitter and many lives lost

8:12, Fourth Trumpet : 1/3rd of the light from sun, moon and stars cut off, darkening 1/3rd of day and night, total of 8 additional hours of darkness each day.

9:1-11, Fifth Trumpet : release of a host (like locusts) of demonic beings (fallen angels) that have been held in the bottomless pit (in Genesis 6, 2 Peter 2:4) that trouble humans (excluding the 144,000 Jews) for five months.

9:13-19, Sixth Trumpet : 200 million troops cross Euphrates and with fire, smoke, brimstone (possibly nuclear weapons) kill 1/3 of humans.

A detailed series on "The End Times" is available [apcwo.org/sermons](http://apcwo.org/sermons), select "The End Times" in the series list.

### **4) Yes, as believers we have our covenant blessings of divine protection**

We will be talking about "Our covenant with God" starting next Sunday.

Psalm 91:10

### **Question 2: Question on Matthew 16:18-19 Vs Roms 13: 1-7**

*Due to Covid-19 all Govt leaders of the world has imposing lock down...how come Church services can be held e-church services rather than physically assemble in the House of God to worship our Living God as his Church is House of Prayer for all Nations Mt 21:13. In this context shouldn't church stand up to face persecution in defying any kings of the earth authority Vs Kingdom of Heaven / God should overrule...I am penning down this to know how believer and church leaders can come together in such time in unity to defy such schemes of satan.*

Understand the Spiritual nature of our relationship with God, the church, and fellowship.

We are spiritually one with Him (1 Corinthians 6:17)

We worship Him in Spirit and truth (John 4:23-24)

The Church is His Body, first a spiritual body. Local churches is the physical expression of that spiritual body.

Now we are commanded to meet together to worship and fellowship. Hebrews 10:25

And we are also commanded to obey governmental authorities Romans 13:1-7

So both have to be held together.

At this point, there is a social and moral responsibility.

Social - towards each other

Moral - towards God and the government

Matthew 18:20 where two or more are gathered there Jesus is.

We come together in the spirit.



This does not do away with us meeting together when situations permit.  
The Chinese house church movement.



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

**Preparation**

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at [apcwo.org/sermons](http://apcwo.org/sermons). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

**LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture passages: *John 13:33-34; John 15:1-8*

**INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

*1) Discuss the five expressions (outcomes) in the life of a disciple, that the Lord Jesus spoke about. How are you personally growing in these areas.*

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If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.



**FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

*1, families to be protected and strengthened*

*2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*

*3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.



**USEFUL RESOURCES**



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

**YOUTUBE:** <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

**WEBSITE:** <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

**CHURCH:** <https://apcwo.org>

**FREE SERMONS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

**FREE BOOKS:** <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

**JESUS CHRIST:** <https://examiningjesus.com>

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