



MIDWEEK SERVICE | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Disciples Are Followers VIII

Matthew 16:24 *Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

“A Disciple is One who puts into practice and does what Jesus says, and is willing to make the sacrifices it takes to be what He wants.”

REVIEW

1. Disciples are followers on a different path.
2. Disciples are followers without hesitation.
3. Disciples are followers even if it means earthly loss.
4. Disciples are followers who receive benefits.
5. Disciples are followers who follow closely and stay true.
6. Disciples are followers even of hard truth.
7. Disciple are followers who seek others.
8. Disciples are followers on Christ's terms.

NEW LESSON

9. Disciples are followers striving for the _____.

Philippians 3:12-14 *Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

The athletic picture is a good analogy of the Christian life.

- Because it involves _____.
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- Because it involves _____.
- A true follower is focused on the goal of _____ God's will for His life.
- a. By Truthful _____.**
- A truthful attitude that says "I don't yet _____"
12 *Not as though I had already attained ...*
- A truthful attitude that says, "I'm not yet _____".
... either were already perfect ...

1 Corinthians 15:9 *For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.*

Ephesians 3:8 *Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;*

1 Timothy 1:15 *This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.*

- A truthful attitude that says, "I'm still _____".
... but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

b. By Taking _____.

- He readily dismissed the _____.
13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind ...
 - The only thing you can change about the past is how you _____ to it.
 - We can have the wrong reaction to our past in one of two ways.
 - Dwell on our _____.
 - Dwell on our _____.
- He reached with determination for the _____.
... and reaching forth unto those things which are before ...
- He is realizing a destination in the _____.
14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.