



Part 1 (Lesson 1)

What it Means to Be a Disciple

I. What is the definition of disciple?

A. Luke 6:40 (Compare King James Version to New American Standard Version)

1st half of definition – A disciple is a **(Student or Pupil)**

The Greek word in Luke 6:40 for “disciple” in the KJV is “mathētēs” (G3101) which is pronounced “math-ay-tes” – Here is its definition in the Strongs Concordance - From G3129; a *learner*, that is, *pupil*: - disciple.

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B. Matthew 4:19 – Jesus is speaking here to those He is calling to be His disciples. His words to them give us the 2nd half of the definition of a disciple.

A disciple is a **(Follower)**

Notes: _____

Combined definition - **(A Disciple is a student of Jesus and a follower of Jesus)**

(If only a student, but not a follower: **(Pharisee – Knows a lot but not Christlike)**

(If only a follower, but not a student: **(Misguided Christian – Zeal without Understanding)**

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***** (A true disciple is actively learning more about Jesus and His Word and is carefully applying what he or she is learning to their individual life, thus becoming more and more like Jesus.)**

II. Traits of a Disciple (Use the following verses to find the traits of a disciple.)

A. John 8:31-32 **(Someone who continues in Jesus' Word)(Continuing to learn and live by the Words of Jesus)**

B. John 13:34-35 **(Someone who has and displays genuine love for other believers)**

C. John 15:8 **(Someone who bears much fruit)**

D. Luke 14:26 **(Someone who loves Jesus more than anyone or anything else in life)**

_____ (Our **(relationships)** submitted to Christ)

(Note – “Hate” here is simply indicating “love in comparison to our love for Jesus”. We know this is true because we are clearly taught to love our father and mother in the Bible.)

E. Luke 14:27 (Luke 9:23) **(Someone who denies self and takes up their cross daily)**

_____ (Our **(will)** submitted to Christ)

F. Luke 14:33 **(Someone who gives up all of their possessions, yielding all to Jesus)**

_____ (Our **(possessions)** submitted to Christ)

G. Luke 14:28 **(Someone who counts the cost of following Jesus and is willing to pay that cost to follow Jesus)**

Notes: _____

Think of the definition of a disciple and the traits of a disciple that we have seen in these passages of Scripture. As you meditate upon these definition and traits what do you feel the Holy Spirit is saying to you about your life and your call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

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