

Discipleship - Session 16

Continue the 6 Marks Of A True Disciple Mark # 4 of a true disciple. - ABIDING WORD

Things we will cover this lesson:

1. Jesus is the Word.
2. How people can hear the words of Jesus and never really “hear” Jesus.
3. The importance of Jesus’ words.
4. What it means to abide in Jesus’ words.

Assignment:

1. Continue ALONE prayer log. (One day -- 1/2 hour.)
2. Communing Word log.
3. Pray 2 Peter 1:1-15 into your life.
4. Pray Marks 1 - 4 into your life.
5. Also go over the material you learned this session. Look up all the scriptures. Put this lesson to practice in your daily life.

Mark # 4 of a True Disciple - Abiding Word John 8:31-32

John 8:31-32

31 *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.*

32 *"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (NKJV)*

Consider these two verses:

Matthew 4:4

Deuteronomy 18:18-19 - Note here how God said it would be God's words in this prophet's mouth. The prophet that is described here is Jesus. (See John 6:14; 7:40)

Now consider these important points related to abiding in Jesus' words.

1. Jesus is the Word - John 1:1-5, 14
2. Jesus has the words of eternal life. - John 6:66-69
3. Abide in Jesus - John 15:4-7
The Greek word for *abide* means to continue in, to tarry, to stay.
4. Hear Jesus on this subject - John 8:25-59
As you read this lengthy section, note how the listeners never heard His words. They had ears, but they did not "hear" what Jesus was saying.
5. Other "My words" passages.
Matthew 24:35; John 5:24; 6:63; 12:48, 50; 14:10, 24; 15:7.
Revelation 3:8 - This is the church at Philadelphia and the Lord had nothing to say in the way of correction to this church. Could it be because they *kept His word*?
6. "But I say to you" passages.
Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28, 31-32, 33-35, 38-39, 43-45. Jesus is showing with His words the true meaning of well known Old Testament passages.
7. Heed Paul on following Jesus words - 1 Timothy 6:3-5 and Colossians 3:16.
The idea of abiding in Christ's word, of course, is to abide in all the Word of God; but let us pay special attention to the words of Jesus. - Psalm 119:11, 105
8. *Abiding* cannot be done without **obedience!**
1 Samuel 15:22 ²² Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as *great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to **obey** is better than sacrifice, *And* to heed than the fat of rams. (NKJV)
Romans 6:16 ¹⁶ Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you **obey**, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of **obedience leading to righteousness**? (NKJV)
2 Corinthians 10:4-6 ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity **to the obedience of Christ**, ⁶ and being ready to punish all disobedience **when your obedience is fulfilled**. (NKJV)
1 Peter 1:13-15 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ **as obedient children**, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; ¹⁵ but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, (NKJV)

Therefore, let us be people of the Word, especially Jesus' words! A disciple would be very wise to spend much time reading the "red" if he has a red letter edition of the New Testament. There are 89 chapters in the four Gospels; therefore, by reading one chapter per day from the Gospels a person will see most of Jesus' words once every three months.

Finally, let us consider some thoughts as to what it means to ***Abide*** in His word.

- The place where you abide is the place you call home.
At home, these two things are sure:
 1. The surroundings are familiar.
 2. You feel secure.Apply this to being familiar with and secure in your knowledge of the Word. For this to be true, you are going to have to spend time here.
- Be in the Word daily.
- Live by conviction.
- Meditate in the Word - Psalm 1:2. Remember the idea of "chewing the cud."

SUMMATION STATEMENT: Everybody is somebody's disciple. Whose disciple are you? Are you your own by following what you say? Are you someone else's by following what they say? Or are you Jesus' by living what He says? Living out what Jesus said is the greatest proof of our discipleship.