

MESSAGE NOTES

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GET A LIFE!

Discipleship: Developing My Identity in Christ

(Romans 6:13; 12:1-2)

I. What does it mean to be a disciple?

A definition: Being a disciple means that _____

Throw yourselves wholeheartedly and full-time . . . into God's way of doing things. Romans 6:13 (MES)

Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Romans 12:1-2 (MES)

II. Why should I want to be a disciple?

A. I should want to be a disciple because _____

For even before I was born God had chosen me to be his. Galatians 1:5 (LB)

B. I should want to be a disciple because _____

For I know that plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future! Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

C. I should want to be a disciple because _____

In everything you do, put God first and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success. Proverbs 3:6 (LB)

III. What could keep me from making a commitment to discipleship?

A. _____ towards God.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? . . . I cry out by day, but you do not answer. Psalm 22:1-2 (NLT)

B. _____ in our culture.

The attractions of this world and the delights of wealth and the search for success and the love of nice things come in and crowd out God . . . Mark 4:19 (LB)

C. The desire for _____ .
There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. Proverbs 14:12 (NIV)
A self-sufficient fool falls flat on his face. Proverbs 10:8 (LB)

D. Fear of _____ .
God knows us far better than we know ourselves . . . That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good! Romans 8:27-28 (MES)

IV. How can I make a commitment to discipleship?

A. I must _____ !
Don't begin until you count the cost! Luke 14:28 (NLT)

1. What is the cost of embracing discipleship?

- a. I am going to have to give up _____

- b. I am going to have to give up _____

- c. I am going to have to give up _____

2. What is the cost of NOT embracing discipleship?

- a. I will lose _____
- b. I will lose _____
- c. I will lose _____

B. I must trust God to help me _____ !
Commit everything to the Lord. Trust him to help you do it and he will! Psalm 37:5 (LB)

God is able to guard and keep that which has been entrusted to me and which I have committed to him. 2 Timothy 1:12 (AMP)

God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey him and the power to do what pleases him. Philippians 2:13 (NLT)

V. What am I going to _____ ?