

Discipleship

What Is A Disciple?

Matt 10:24-25

"A **disciple** is not above his **teacher**, nor a **slave** above his **master**. "It is enough for the disciple that he become as his teacher, and the slave as his master.

disciple NT:3101 matheetees, matheetou, ho (manthano),
a learner, pupil, disciple:

universally, opposed to **didaskalos**, Matt 10:24; Luke 6:40;

tinou, one who follows one's teaching:

Iooannou, Matt 9:14; Luke 7:18 (19); John 3:25;

toon Farisaion, Matt 22:16; Mark 2:18; Luke 5:33;

Moouseos, John 9:28; used of Jesus -- in a wide sense, in the Gospels, those among the Jews who favored him, joined his party, became his adherents: John 6:66; 7:3; 19:38;

ochlos matheetoon autou, Luke 6:17;

hoi matheetoi autou hikanoi, Luke 7:11;

hapan to pleethos toon matheetoon, Luke 19:31;

but especially the twelve apostles: Matt 10:1; 11:1; 12:1; Mark 8:27; Luke 8:9; John 2:2; 3:22, and very often;

also simply hoi matheetai, Matt 13:10; 14:19; Mark 10:24; Luke 9:16; John 6:11 (the Textus Receptus), etc.;

in the Acts hoi matheetai are all those who confess Jesus as the Messiah, Christians: Acts 6:1 f,7; 9:19; 11:26, and often;

with tou kuriou added, Acts 9:1.

The word is not found in the Old Testament, nor in the Epistles of the New Testament, nor in the Apocalypse; in Greek writings from (Herodotus (484-408 B.C.)), Aristophanes, Xenophon (430?-355? B.C.), Plato (428-348 B.C.) down. (from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by BibleSoft)

teacher NT:1320 didaskalos, didaskalou, ho
a teacher

1. used of one who is fitted to teach, or thinks himself so: Heb 5:12; Rom 2:20

2. used of the teachers of the Jewish religion: Luke 2:46; John 3:10

3. used of those who by their great power as teachers drew crowds about them

a. used of John the Baptist: Luke 3:12

b. used of Jesus: John 1:38 (39)

4. by preeminence used of Jesus by himself, as the one who showed men the way of salvation: Matt 23:8

5. used of the apostles: 1 Tim 2:7; 2 Tim 1:11

6. used of those who in the religious assemblies of Christians undertake the work of teaching, with the special assistance of the Holy Spirit: 1 Cor 12:28 f

7. used of false teachers among Christians: 2 Tim 4:3 (from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by BibleSoft)

slave NT:1401 doulos, doulee, doulon
serving, subject to: Rom 6:19

1. a slave, bondman, man of servile condition

a. properly: opposed to eleutheros, 1 Cor 7:21

b. metaphorically,

α. one who gives himself up wholly to another's will, 1 Cor 7:23

β. those whose service is used by Christ in extending and advancing his cause among men: used of the apostles, Rom 1:1

γ. devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests: Matt 20:27; Mark 10:44

2. a servant, attendant, (of a king): Matt 18:23,26 ff

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master NT:2962 kurios, kuriou, ho

he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has the power of deciding; master, lord

1. used universally, of the possessor and disposer of a thing, the owner Matt 20:8
2. kurios is a title of honor, expressive of respect and reverence, with which servants salute their master, Matt 3:27; 25:20,22; Luke 13:8; 14:22, etc.;
3. this title is given:
 - α. to God, the ruler of the universe Matt 1:22
 - β. to the Messiah; and that:
 - αα. to the Messiah regarded universally: Luke 1:43
 - ββ. to Jesus as the Messiah, Acts 10:36
4. of Christ (from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by BibleSoft)

Matt 13:52

And He said to them, "Therefore every **scribe** who **has become a disciple** of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings forth out of his treasure things new and old."

scribe NT:1122 grammateus, grammateos

1. a public scribe, secretary, recorder, whose office and influence differed in different states: Acts 19:35
2. in the Bible, a man learned in the Mosaic law and in the sacred writings, an interpreter, teacher: Matt 23:34
3. **universally, a religious teacher:** Matt 13:52
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has become a disciple NT:3100 matheeteuoo: 1 aorist ematheeteusa;

1. aorist passive ematheeteutheen;
(matheetees);
 - a. intransitive, tini, to be the disciple of one; to follow his precepts and instruction: Matt 27:57, the Textus Receptus, Griesbach, Westcott-Hort's marginal reading, compare John 19:38 (so Plutarch (died 120 A.D.), mor., pp. 832 - (vit. Antiph. 1), 837 -. (vit. Isocrates (436-338 B.C.) 10); Jamblichus (300 A.D.), vit. Pythag. c. 23).
 - b. transitive (compare Winer Grammar (1883), p. 23 and sec. 38, 1; (Buttmann, sec. 131, 4)) to make a disciple; to teach, instruct: tina, Matt 28:19; Acts 14:21;
2. passive with a dative of the person whose disciple one is made, Matt 27:57, Lachmann, Tischendorf, Tregelles, Westcott-Hort text;
3. matheeteutheis eis teen basileian toon ouranou (see grammateus, 3), Matt 13:52, the Textus Receptus, where long since the more correct reading, tee basileia toon ouranon, was adopted, but without changing the sense; (yet Lachmann inserts en). * (from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by BibleSoft)

Characteristics of a Disciple

A Disciple **must** put his walk with Christ ahead of **EVERYTHING** else.

Luke 14:26-27

"If anyone comes to Me, and does not **hate** his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he **cannot** be My disciple. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me **cannot** be My disciple.

hate NT:3404 miseoo, misoo;

to hate, pursue with hatred, detest Matt 5:43 (from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by BibleSoft)

cannot ου δυναται (ou dunatai)

ou—NT:3756

ou (oo); also (before a vowel) ouk (ook); and (before an aspirate) ouch (ookh); a primary word; the absolute negative [compare NT:3361] adverb; no or not:

KJV - long, nay, neither, never, no (X man), none, [can-] not, nothing, special, un ([-worthy]), when, without, yet but. See also NT:3364, NT:3372.

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NT:1410 dunamai,
to be able, have power,

1. followed by an infinitive

α. followed by a present infinitive: Matt 6:24

β. followed by an aorist infinitive: Matt 3:9

2. with an infinitive omitted, as being easily supplied from the context: Matt 16:3

3. joined with an accusative, to be able to do something Mark 9:22

4. absolutely, 1 Cor 3:2 (from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by BibleSoft)

A Disciple is known for good works

Matt 5:16

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

This verse is closely related to verses 13-15. Before men echoes "by men" of verse 13, while light is a central theme both here and in verses 14-15.

Let your light so shine translates a third person imperative, which is difficult to express in many languages. Most contemporary English translations use some structure with "must" (see TEV "your light must shine") rather than the traditional Let of KJV and RSV. In many languages it may be necessary to switch either to a second person imperative ("Shine your light") or to some other less difficult form (for example, "Be sure that your light shines").

Your light may be "the light you produce," "the light that shines from you," or "the light you are."

So means "in such a way." Here it refers back to the lamp on the lampstand in verse 15. TEV makes this clear with "In the same way." Translators can also say "Similarly," "Just so," or "The light you produce should also be like that. Let it shine before people"

Before men can be translated "so everyone can see it" or "for all to see."

That they may see is the purpose of letting your light shine before people. Translations may use "so that" or "in order that people can see."

The Greek noun construction your good works is represented as a verb construction by TEV: "the good things you do." The focus now shifts from the character of the disciples to their good works which result from this character. What the disciples are must be evident to all, but in such a way that it reveals the true origin of the good works that they do. These works may be characterized as deeds of mercy and of reconciliation, a conclusion supported both by the Gospel itself (see Matt 5:38-48; 25:31-46) and by the Jewish concept of good works. The phrase good works is found only one other time in Matthew's Gospel; it appears in 26:10 in the singular "good work." More frequently the expression "good fruit" is used (3:10; 7:17-19; 12:33). Your good works may be translated "your good actions" or "your good deeds." Brc has translated "the lovely things you do."

Give glory to (TEV "praise") is similar to the expression used in Matt 9:8 and 15:31, where the meaning is clearly "give praise to." The thought is parallel to Isa 49:3 ("Israel, you are my servant; because of you, people will praise me") and to the Testament of Naphtali Matt 8:1 ("Do what is good, my children. Then men and angels will praise you, and God will be honored among the heathen"). But it contrasts with the thinking of the hypocrites, who perform their religious duties to receive praise from people (6:2).

When men see your good actions, they will give glory to your Father who is in heaven. "Men will see the good things you do and therefore praise your Father in heaven." If there is not a good way of saying give glory to or "praise" in a language, it may be necessary to say "so that men will say good things about (or, will honor) your Father in heaven."

Your Father who is in heaven and related expressions with "my" or "our" is used some twenty times in Matthew, but only once in (Mark 11:25) and not at all in Luke. Evidently this reflects a common usage in Jewish rabbinical literature, as the commentators note (from the UBS Handbook Series. Copyright (c) 1961-1997, by United Bible Societies)

Eph 2:10

For we are His workmanship, **created** in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

created NT:2936 ktizoo:

to make habitable, to people, a place, region, island (from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by BibleSoft)

A Disciple is humble

Matt 11:29

"Take My yoke upon you, and **learn from Me**, for I am gentle and **humble** in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls.

humble NT:5011 tapeinos, tapeinee tapeinon,
low,

1. properly, not rising far from the ground:
2. metaphorically,

α. as to condition, lowly, of low degree:

β. lowly in spirit, humble: (from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by BibleSoft)

1 Peter 3:8-9

To sum up, let all be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.

Eph 4:1-3

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace

Phil 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

A Disciple prays

Luke 18:1

Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,

Eph 6:18

With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

1 Thess 5:16-19

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

A Disciple will not be consumed with fear and worry

Luke 12:22-33

And He said to His disciples, "For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on. "For life is more than food, and the body than clothing.

"Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; and they have no storeroom nor barn; and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds! "And which of you by being anxious can add a single cubit to his life's span? "If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why are you anxious about other matters? "Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these. "But if God so arrays the grass in the field, which is alive today

and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will He clothe you, O men of little faith! "And do not seek what you shall eat, and what you shall drink, and do not keep worrying. "For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things. "But seek for His kingdom, and these things shall be added to you. "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.

Phil 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Heb 13:5-6

Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you," so that we confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid.

What shall man do to me?"

Phil 4:7

And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A Disciple is accountable

Rom 14:12

So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Matt 18:15-17

"And if your brother sins, go and reprove him in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. "And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax-gatherer.

James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

A Disciple loves sacrificially

John 13:33-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you **love** one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

love NT:25 agapaoo, agapoo;

1. to love, to be full of good-will and exhibit the same: Luke 7:47; 1 John 4:7 f;
2. with the accusative of the person, to have a preference for, wish well to, regard the welfare of
3. used often in the First Epistle of John of the love of Christians toward one another;
4. used of the benevolence which God, in providing salvation for men, has exhibited by sending his Son to them and giving him up to death
5. used of the love which led Christ, in procuring human salvation, to undergo sufferings and death, Gal 2:20; Eph 5:2;
6. used of the love with which God regards Christ, John 3:35;
7. When used of love to a master, God or Christ, the word involves the idea of affectionate reverence, prompt obedience, grateful recognition of benefits received
8. With an accusative of the thing agapaoo denotes to take pleasure in the thing, prize it above other things, be unwilling to abandon it or do without it

9. to welcome with desire, long for 2 Tim 4:8

10. Concerning the unique proof of love which Jesus gave the apostles by washing their feet, John 13:1

11. John 17:26; Eph 2:4 (from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by BibleSoft)

Rom 12:10

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

1 Cor 13:1-3

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

1 John 3:14-19

We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. We shall know by this that we are of the truth, and shall assure our heart before Him,

A Disciple seeks always to obey God's Word

John 14:15

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

James 1:22

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

2 Cor 10:5

We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

A Disciple bears fruit

Matt 7:17-21

"Even so, every good tree bears good fruit; but the bad tree bears bad fruit. "A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "So then, you will know them by their fruits. "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.

John 15:1-5

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it, that it may bear more fruit. "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing

Col 1:9-10

For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in

the knowledge of God;

A Disciple tries at all times to live a life separated from the world

2 Cor 6:14-17

Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said,

"I will dwell in them and walk among them;

And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

"Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord.

James 4:4

You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

1 Tim 6:11

But flee from these things, you man of God; and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness.

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.

A Disciple is concerned about truth and sound doctrine

1 Tim 4:6

In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following.

1 Thess 5:21-22

But **examine** everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; 22 abstain from every form of evil.

examine NT:1381 dokimazoo;

to try

1. to test, examine, prove, scrutinize 1 Peter 1:7

2. to recognize as genuine after examination, to approve, deem worthy: 1 Cor 16:3

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Heb 5:13

But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to **discern** good and evil.

discern NT:1253 diakrisis, diakriseoos, hee

a distinguishing, discerning, judging: 1 Cor 12:10 (from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by BibleSoft)

Phil 1:9-11

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all **discernment**, so that you may **approve** the things that are **excellent**, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

discernment NT:144 aistheesis, aistheeseoos, hee (aisthanomai) (from Euripides (480-406 B.C.) down), perception, not only by the senses but also by the intellect; cognition, discernment; (in the Septuagint (LXX), Prov 1:22; 2:10, etc., equivalent to da`at): Phil 1:9, of moral discernment, the understanding of ethical matters, as is plain from what is added in Phil 1:10. * (from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by BibleSoft)

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excellent NT:1308 diaphero (dee-af-er'-o); from NT:1223 and NT:5342; to bear through, i.e. (literally) transport; usually to bear apart, i.e. (objectively) to toss about (figuratively, report); subjectively, to "differ", or (by implication) surpass: KJV - be better, carry, differ from, drive up and down, be (more) excellent, make matter, publish, be of more value. (BibleSoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright (c) 1994, BibleSoft and International Bible Translators, Inc.)

A Disciple is growing

Heb 6:1

Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

2 Peter 3:17-18

You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard lest, being carried away by the error of unprincipled men, you fall from your own steadfastness, but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Eph 4:14-15

As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ,

How to become a Disciple

1st—There must be a change of allegiances

Rom 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Eph 2:1-3

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

Eph 4:17-19

This I say therefore, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality, for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

Rom 11:30

For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience,

1 John 3:7-9

Little children, let no one deceive you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil. No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

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Eph 2:19-20

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

2nd—You must accept Christ's free gift

Rom 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rom 5:8-10

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Acts 16:27-32

And when the jailer had been roused out of sleep and had seen the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here!" And he called for lights and rushed in and, trembling with fear, he fell down before Paul and Silas, and after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house.

Rom 10:13-14

for "Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved." 14 How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed?

Eph 2:4-9

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in

our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus, in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

3rd—You must study the Word

2 Tim 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.

1 Peter 3:15

but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

4th—Pray, think about the Word, seek truth

Eph 1:18-19

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

Rom 8:26-27

And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Ps 119:27-29

Make me understand the way of Thy precepts,
So I will meditate on Thy wonders.
My soul weeps because of grief;
Strengthen me according to Thy word.
Remove the false way from me

Heb 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.