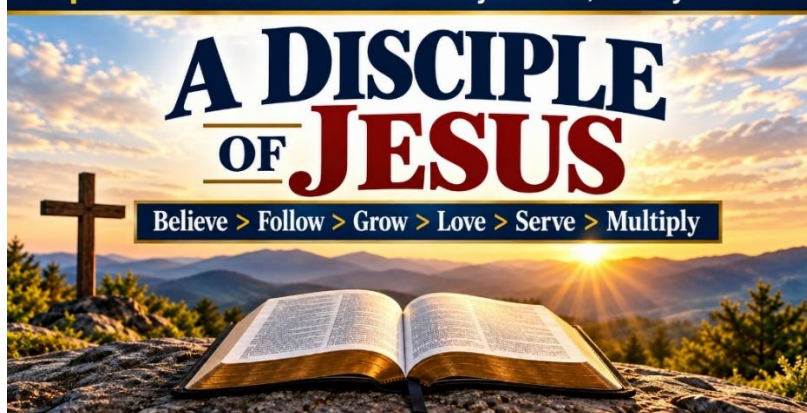


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## Part 3 – Serve and Multiply

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### Introduction

Dear friends: This is **Part 3 of 3** on being a disciple of Jesus. This series focuses on a 12-part definition. Parts 1 and 2 covered 1-8:

- 1) A disciple believes in Jesus Christ
- 2) A disciple has been baptized into Christ
- 3) A disciple continues in Christ's word
- 4) A disciple learns from Jesus
- 5) A disciple knows and treasures God's word
- 6) A disciple denies self and follows Jesus
- 7) A disciple lives for Christ rather than self
- 8) A disciple loves God and neighbor

Part 3 focuses on **Serve and Multiply**.

## 9 – A Disciple Loves Fellow Disciples

**John 13:34** [Jesus, referring to His washing of feet earlier in the chapter:] “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another [your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ], even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”

- Jesus’ love for us had no limits; **He endured His worst for our best!** We are called to do the same for all fellow followers of Jesus!
- How will people know we are followers of Jesus? When they see how we act **sacrificially** to show love for each other!

## 10 – A Disciple Bears Fruit and Serves Others

**John 15:5** “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.”



- What is the source of our fruit? *Abiding in Christ – the vine and branch relationship!*
- What is our fruit? The ♦attitudes, ♦words, ♦actions, ♦service, ♦witness, and ♦good works that the Holy Spirit produces in **followers of Jesus!**

**John 15:8** “My Father is glorified [made great in the sight of others] **by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.**” // Since **God is TOTALLY WORTHY**, let us be open to the Spirit bearing fruit through our lives!

**Mark 10:45** “...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” // Since **the Son of God became the greatest servant**, let us also serve in extraordinary ways!

## 11 – A Disciple Confesses Christ to Others

**Acts 1:8** [Jesus said to His disciples:] “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you *[fulfilled ten days later on the Day of Pentecost]*; and you shall be My witnesses...” // How are we witnesses? When we tell others what we believe!

**1 Peter 3:15** “but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts *[regarding Christ ▶as holy and ▶at the center of our **faith**, **thinking**, **desires**, and **decisions**]*, 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...” // We, as **disciples**, are **saved through Christ**, so let us ▶live without fear and ▶seize every witnessing opportunity!

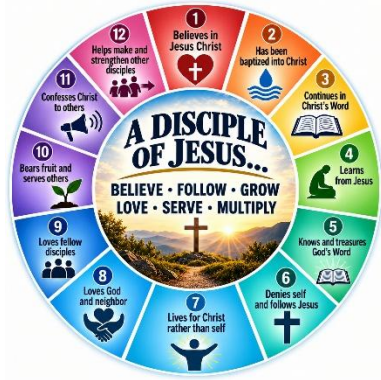
## 12 – A Disciple Helps Make and Strengthen Other Disciples

**Matthew 28:19-20** “Go... and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them... [and] teaching them to observe *[keep, pay attention to]* all that I commanded you...” // As we tell what we believe, **The Holy Spirit** ▶creates faith and ▶moves disciples to live for Christ.

**Acts 14:21–22** “After [Paul and Barnabas] ...had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples...” // So, let us keep encouraging disciples to **grow** in ▶learning Jesus and ▶living for Him.

**2 Timothy 2:2** “The things which **you** have heard from **me** in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to **faithful men who will be able to teach others also.**” // Our entrusting should be **thorough** to *enable continuance*, then, **knowing**, *they can pass it on*:

- Paul equipped Timothy.
- Timothy equipped others.
- Others equipped still others.



**Conclusion:** None of the **12 points** earn salvation. *We are justified by grace through faith in Christ alone.* The 12 points describe the Christian life that flows from God’s saving grace. Even our good works are fruits of faith produced by the Holy Spirit.

Wherever the 12 points are true in our lives, **let us rejoice**,  
and wherever we are falling short, **let us repent!**

For much more on this important topic, join us each week in Bible Class – Saturdays at 3:00, Sundays at 4:00

**Let Us Pray:** Dear Lord Jesus, we are Your disciples – *in part* – because someone else shared God’s word with us. Now, *whether they know it or not*, many are dying to hear God’s word from us, and the Holy Spirit is ready to work through that word to bring them to repentance and salvation. **Therefore**, make us willing, give us love, give us courage, give us the right words, and help us to live and speak for You!

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