

DISCIPLESHIP

Key verses: Luke 14:33 *So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.*

Matt 16:24 *Then said Yahshua unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

There prevails a misunderstanding of what really makes an individual a disciple. The term “Christian” is often used in a broad way. It has come to mean

- 1) People born in a certain country
- 2) People who acknowledge one Elohim
- 3) Persons who belong to certain religious faiths.

The term “disciple” has a much narrower meaning. It means a follower. Yahshua’s disciples are those that follow him.

1) THE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCIPLESHIP

- a) Matt 16:24 what two things are mentioned here?
- b) John 12:46 what two things are mentioned here?

2) HOW DO WE FOLLOW?

His Words

- a) Luke 6:46 Is it enough to merely hear his words?
- b) What kind of foundations are people building on today?
- c) 2000 years have past since Yahshua uttered these words, do you think they are still relevant today?

His love

- a) Eph 5:1-2 What kind of walk characterizes the true disciple?
- b) Love demonstrates itself through sacrifice. It must be a walk not a talk!

In suffering

- a) 1Peter 2:20-23 Suffering is a integral part of discipleship. One cannot be a disciple for long without experiencing some sort of suffering
- b) Note Peter distinguishes between acceptable suffering and suffering bought on by an individuals own wrongdoing.

Light

- a) John 8:12 What is promised to those who follow him?
- b) What does it mean to walk in light?

Think on these things

It takes a lot of courage to be a true disciple today. John 6:31 teaches us that it is more than just making a start but that it is a continuous walk. Yahshua narrows it down with the word “if”. The life of a disciple is an outstanding one. He cannot be hidden for long. May we be disciples indeed!