

The True Disciple

Scripture: Romans 12:1

Romans 12:1 KJV I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

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

Introduction

The picture presented in the text is very different from what we often seek for ourselves. We seek to be comfortable, well provided for, entertained, and catered to. But Jesus says His followers will deny themselves, will bear a cross and will follow him.

I. A commitment to believe Jesus

Mark 9:23 KJV Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

A. Believe His words

Luke 18:29-30 KJV And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake,³⁰ Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

B. Believe Him for signs following

Mark 16:17-18 KJV And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;¹⁸ They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

C. Believe Him for your future

Hebrews 11:6 KJV But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

II. A commitment to obey Jesus

1 Samuel 15:22 KJV And Samuel said, Hath 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 hearken than the fat of rams.

A. Obey His principles for your lives

Psalm 1:1-3 KJV Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.² But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

B. Obey His instructions implicitly

1. Jericho – march around the city
2. Gideon – 300 men with torch and clay pot
3. Jehoshaphat – put the singers in front praising the Lord

C. Obey Him and don't try to reason it out

D. Obey Him so He receives the glory

III. A commitment to trust Jesus

Proverbs 3:5 KJV Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, lean not unto thine own understanding.

A. Trust God to use you for His purpose

B. Trust God to complete the work He has begun in you

Philippians 1:6 KJV Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

C. Trust Jesus to do what He said

Conclusion

Daniel 11:32b KJV but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.