

## What Jesus Wants! Part 2: "Disciples!"

"Will you just do it for Me?" –Jesus "I know what you want from Me..." "But do you know what I want from you?"

**A Force...** Like Him, endowed and infused with Holy Spirit power! **Mt3.16,17 11.12 J3.4** Like Him, moving forward at the request of the Father! **J5.5.19,30 8.28-30 9.4** Like Him, a destroyer of the works of the devil! **1J3.8 Acts 10.38** Like Him, turning the world upside down! **Acts 17.6** Like Him, armored, weaponized, fighting for the souls of mankind! **Eph 6.11-17 2Cor 6.7 10.4 Rom 6.13 13.12 2Tim 3.3,4 Acts 26.16-18**

**Disciples...** When Jesus was "set" His disciples came to Him and He taught them! **Mt 5.1 D's listen and learn from Jesus words!**

And when He entered the ship, His disciples *followed Him*. **Mt 8:23 D's are where He is and never where He isn't!**

Then He said to his disciples, The harvest is plentiful but the *laborers are few*; Ask the Lord to send *laborers* into His harvest. **Mt 9:37-38 D's don't think He means someone else!**

He gave them *power* against unclean spirits, *to cast them out*, and to heal all manner of sickness and disease. **Mt 10.1 D's are a force to be reckoned with!**

The Pharisees said to him, Your disciples *do what is not lawful to do* on the Sabbath day. **Mt 12:2 D's repel religious hypocrisy and eagerly move to do good whenever and wherever they can!**

Send the multitude away so they can go and buy dinner. Jesus said, They don't need to leave, feed them! **Mt 14.15,16 Disciples do what He says no matter how difficult it may seem at the time!**

Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone will follow Me, *let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me*. For whosoever will save his life will lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for My sake will find it. **Mt 16.24,25 D's come into the kingdom to die to self, to find life in serving God and people!**

Then the disciples came to Jesus and asked, '*Why couldn't we cast him out?*' **Mt 17.19 (18.1 19.13) D's admit when it isn't working and resort to their source!**

**Disciples...** Mathetes: a learner, or pupil, learning what the teacher knows! How does that look for you? How are you showing that you are taking your learning seriously? It's not very serious if you think that means coming to church twice a week. Not enough to read a book or two. A student is someone who is being immersed and encultured in something...

**"Study to show yourself approved unto God a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth!" 2Tim 2.15**

**To study...** To apply one's mind purposefully to the acquisition of knowledge or understanding of (a subject). To read carefully. To memorize. To inquire into; investigate. To examine closely; to scrutinize. To give careful thought to; to contemplate: *study the next move*. To apply oneself to learning, especially by reading. To ponder; reflect.

**To study...** GK: spoudazo: to *use speed to make effort, to be earnest, to do diligence, to be diligent* (to be forward: ardently inclined, advancing, preparing the future), to endeavor, to labor.

*In any language: to apply oneself intentionally to the acquisition of knowledge or understanding of a subject for the immediate and eventual purpose (benefits) of applying the obtained knowledge.*

**We know...** "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and *is profitable* for doctrine, for reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness *that the man of God may be mature and thoroughly furnished for every good work!*" **2Tim 3.16,17** "That the words He speaks to us *are spirit and life...* and that *He has the words of eternal life...*" **John 6.63,68** "That all things *that pertain to life and godliness* are through knowledge of Him who has called us to glory and virtue, which is why we have been given *great and precious promises to become partakers of the divine nature!*" **2P1.3,4** "That the word that proceeds from the mouth of God does not return to Him void of power or worth, *but that it accomplishes what He pleases, and it prospers where He sends it.*" **Is 55.11** "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." **Romans 10.17** "And that without faith, *it is impossible to please God!*" **Heb 11.6**

**And we all inherently know that we're not going to understand God or His kingdom without knowing, STUDYING, the manual He gave us to know Him!**

**But what if there's more to discipleship than the benefits to us?**

**Disciples... Old Testament disciples...** had three stages... Beginner: all kids exposed to "the way to see if they had a leaning toward more..." Advanced: those who showed promise given more to do... Immersed: those who were chosen to become disciples!

**This is beyond wanting to learn... This is choosing one to be like... And the Teacher saying: I think you can do what I do! I think you can be like me! COME AND FOLLOW ME!**

**New Testament disciples...** Learners, for sure... all exposed (called)!

"You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bear fruit that remains..." **John 15.16** All called but few "chose" to follow... "If you believe..." You can be like Me! You can do what I do... "And greater things than these will you do because I go to My Father!" **John 14.12** And be immersed in His life! "If anyone follows Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross..." **Lk 9.23**

**Disciples... Do what they must because they are chosen by God to be like His Son!** He wants more of HIM! (beginner) **Disciples do what they must to do the will of the Father!** Applying themselves for the benefits and so that they won't be ashamed! (advanced) **Disciples do what they must just because Jesus asks them to "apply!"** He believes we can be like Him and do what He does! (immersed)

**Proof...**

**Peter:** "If it's You. Command me to come to You on the water!" **Matt 14.22ff The 70:** "Lord, even devils are subject to us in Your name!" **Luke 10.17 Peter and John:** "What we have we give! In the name of Jesus rise up and walk!" **Acts 3.6 BONUS:** "And God worked special miracles by the hands of Paul so that diseases and devils departed when people were touched by the cloths that he laid hands on!" **A19.11,12**

**So... what's your plan to become a disciple? Here a little, there a little? Or a robust study of His Word as a first course?**

**"Will you just do it for Me?" -Jesus**