

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ancient Words: Favorite Bible Words

Discipleship

Introduction:

1. Jesus is looking for those that are willing to follow Him.
2. He is still looking for fishers of men!
3. **Matthew 16:24-26**
4. Do you consider yourself to be a dedicated disciple of Jesus?

Discussion:

I. Dedicated Disciples Are Servant Minded (Matthew 25:14-30)

- A. We must be dedicated to serving God.
 1. We are to have the attitude of a slave.
Psalm 40:6
 2. We have been freed from the penalty of sin.
Romans 6:22
 3. We must turn from idols to serve God.
I Thessalonians 1:9
- B. We must be dedicated to serving those in Christ.
 1. We are told to be motivated by love.
Galatians 5:13
 2. We are commanded to serve others.
Ephesians 4:12
 3. We are told to love like God has loved us.
I John 4:7-16
- C. We must be dedicated to serving those outside of Christ.
 1. We should be seeking out the lost.
Luke 19:10
 2. We are debtors to those without a Savior.
Romans 1:14-16
 3. We should be winning outsiders to Christ.
I Corinthians 9:19

II. Dedicated Disciples Are Studious (II Timothy 2:15)

- A. Studious disciples must search the Scriptures.
 1. We are commanded by Jesus.
John 5:29
 2. We have an example from the Bereans.
Acts 17:11
- B. Studious disciples must meditate on the Scriptures.
 1. We have an example from Joshua.
Joshua 1:8
 2. We have an example from David.
Psalm 1:2

- C. Studious disciples must obey the Scriptures.
1. We must apply everything we learn.
Joshua 1:9
 2. We must observe all the Jesus has commanded.
Matthew 28:18-20

III. Dedicated Disciples Are Steadfast (I Corinthians 15:58)

- A. Steadfast disciples have faith in their God.
1. Believing God takes faith.
Genesis 15:6
 2. Only a small amount of faith is needed.
Luke 17:6
 3. Faith is needed for salvation.
Romans 3:28, 10:17
- B. Steadfast disciples know that God is in control.
1. Faith puts us in a right relationship with God.
Romans 5:1
 2. Faith comes from hearing the Word of God.
Romans 10:17
 3. Accept the person who has weak (immature) faith.
Romans 14:1
- C. Steadfast disciples are steadfast even in their trials.
1. Christianity is the only true faith.
Ephesians 4:5
 2. Faith is hoping in what is not seen.
Hebrews 11:1
 3. Faith accompanies obedience to God.
Hebrews 11:7-12

Conclusion:

1. As a dedicated disciples of Christ we must be servant-minded, studious, and steadfast.
2. If the church needs one thing more than any other it is dedicated believers that are grounded in faith.
3. **I Peter 3:15**
4. We need to stay focused.
5. We need to remember why God “called us out” of the world.
6. We need to remember the restoration plea.
7. Right now the church needs you!
8. Will you be the dedicated disciple God needs today?