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# DISCIPLESHIP

GROWING IN THE GRACE &  
KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD



# **Imitators of Christ: The Challenge of Being a Disciple**



**2 Pet. 3:18, “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”**



**Matt. 28:19, “ ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**

**Matt. 28:20, “ ‘teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”**



μαθητεύω *mathēteuō*

**Verb, Matt. 3×, Acts 1×**

**Matt. 13:52, “Then He said to them,  
‘Therefore every scribe instructed  
concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a  
householder who brings out of his treasure  
things new and old.’ ”**



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**Verb, Matt. 3×, Acts 1×**

**Matt. 27:57, “Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.**

**Acts 14:21, “And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,”**



**μανθάνω *manthanō*,**

**“learn.” 6× in the Gospels, but only one is in a passage somewhat related to being a disciple.**

**Matt. 11:29, “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”**



**μαθητής** *mathētēs*

**learner, pupil, disciple, student**

**The noun is used 245 times. 72× in Matthew, 46× in Mark, 37× in Luke; 78× in John; 26× in Acts**



**Phil. 4:9, “The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.”**

**2 Tim. 3:14, “But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,”**



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## **Noun**

**Other than 12: Matt. 1×, Luke 1×**

**John's disciples: Matt. 4×, Mark 2×, Luke 2×, John 2×**

**General principles: Matt. 3×, Luke 1×, John 3×**

**Pharisee's disciples: Matt. 1×**

**Joseph of Arimathea: Matt. 1×, John 2×**

**To the Twelve: Matt. 66×, Mark 44×, Luke 33×, John 71×**

**Acts: Almost all are to believers in general**



**John 2:11, “This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.”**



**John 8:31, “Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.’ ”**



**1 Cor. 11:1, “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.”**

**Eph. 5:1, “Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.”**



**Luke 8:5, “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.”**

**Luke 8:11, “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.**

**Luke 8:12, “Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.”**



**Luke 8:6, “Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.”**

**Luke 8:13, “But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.”**



**Luke 8:7, “And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.”**

**Luke 8:14, “Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.”**



**Matt. 13:22, “Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.”**



**Luke 8:15, “But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.”**

**Matt. 13:23, “But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”**



**Luke 5:10, “and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.’ ”**

**Mark 1:17, “Then Jesus said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.’ ”**



**Matt. 16:15, “He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’”**

**Matt. 16:16, “Simon Peter answered and said, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’”**



**John 18:25, “Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, ‘You are not also one of His disciples, are you?’ He denied it and said, ‘I am not!’ ”**

**John 18:26, “One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, ‘Did I not see you in the garden with Him?’**

**John 18:27, “Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed.”**