

Discipleship

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## IMITATORS OF CHRIST

**Are We Willing to Abide in the Word?**  
**John 8:31**



**μαθητής *mathētēs***

**learner, pupil, disciple, student**

- 1. Called but do not believe.**
- 2. Called and do believe.**
- 3. Called follow intermittently, but are not convinced to continue.**
- 4. Convinced but comfortable and complacent. Convinced, but not committed.**
- 5. Committed and produce varying degrees of fruit.**



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

**Luke 5:11, “So when they had brought their  
boats to land, they forsook all and followed  
Him.”**



**John 20:31, “but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”**



**John 1:4, “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.**

**John 1:5, “And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”**



**John 1:9, “That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.”**



**John 1:18, “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.”**



**Matt. 11:28, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [Phase 1: Salvation, *Believe*]**

**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.**

**Matt. 11:30, “For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” [Phase 2: Sanctification, *Follow Me*]**



**John 8:12, “Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.’ ”**



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**John 15:1, “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.**

**John 15:2, “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.**

**John 15:3, “You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.”**



**John 15:5, “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.**

**John 15:6, “If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.”**

**Abiding in Him = Abiding in the Word**



**Col. 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”**



**Deut. 6:7, “You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.**

**Deut. 6:8, “You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.**

**Deut. 6:9, “You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”**



**John 17:18, “As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.”**



**Phil. 2:15, “that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,**

**Phil. 2:16, [by] “holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.”**

**ἐπέχω epechō**

**pres act part masc plur nom  
to hold; to apply; give close  
attention to**