



## *Four Keys to Becoming a Disciple of Christ*

*Acts 14:20-28*

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- Evangelizing involves the \_\_\_\_\_ of souls.
- Discipling involves the strengthening of souls through God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- *“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.” 1 Peter 2:2*
- *“That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.” Ephesians 4:14-15*

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- A new Christian is sure to have \_\_\_\_\_ and trials.

- *“Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” 2 Timothy 3:12*
- It is more difficult for people to grow into disciples of the Lord if they only view other Christians from a \_\_\_\_\_.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ lives from a distance, but you only impact them one-on-one.
- Biblical discipleship is \_\_\_\_\_ life with life.
- *“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” 2 Timothy 2:2*

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  - Paul took steps to organize these believers into local assemblies, establishing leadership and structure within the congregation. Why did he do this?
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- The church isn't like a family, it \_\_\_\_ a family. Ephesians 3:14-15
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 explains how we are interdependent on each other.
- Many Christians are spiritually \_\_\_\_\_. They need a spiritual family.

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- Fellowship is when a group of people experience \_\_\_\_\_ together.
- Fellowship among believers is a natural by-product of our mutual \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. Philippians 1:5
- *"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:41-42*
- Biblical fellowship takes place in \_\_\_\_\_ groups, not in crowds.
- Healthy \_\_\_\_\_ takes place in the context of relationships.



# The Disciple of Christ: Growing & Fruitful

2 Peter 1:3-8

## Part 1

- God has given you everything you need to have a spiritual life of \_\_\_\_\_, godliness, and fruitfulness. vs. 3
- *“And ye are complete in him (Christ), which is the head of all principality and power.”* **Colossians 2:10**
- As you learn to grow and walk in total faith in Jesus Christ, spiritual fruit is the natural outgrowth. Let’s examine the fruit of a growing disciple of Jesus Christ.

### 1. **First fruit:** \_\_\_\_\_.

- This means “moral \_\_\_\_\_.”
- *“...Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.”* **Romans 12:9b**
- Through faith in Christ, we put away the works of \_\_\_\_\_ and walk as children of light.
- *“For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.”* **Ephesians 5:8-11**

2. **Second fruit:** \_\_\_\_\_.

- Christ's Spirit lives within to \_\_\_\_\_ you with the knowledge of God.

*"For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."* **1 Corinthians 2:11-12**

3. **Third fruit:** \_\_\_\_\_.

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- “Patience” carries the idea of “enduring when circumstances are \_\_\_\_\_.”

- *“So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure.”* **2 Thessalonians 1:4**
- *“Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.”* **James 5:10**
- *“...but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.”* **1 Peter 2:20b**
- What an example of patience Christ showed!
- *“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”* **Hebrews 12:2**
- This same Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ in us!
- We bear the fruit of His patience as we \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ in us.
- *“Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.”* **Colossians 1:11**

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- Next week we will discover three more wonderful fruits that Christ’s life within us bears.



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  5. **Fifth fruit: \_\_\_\_\_ . vs. 6**
    - Godliness is a \_\_\_\_\_ and respect for the Lord that flows forth as a desire to live \_\_\_\_\_ and serve Him.
    - When you’re in a love relationship with someone, you \_\_\_\_\_ to please them.
    - You can have a \_\_\_\_\_ of godliness and miss the very essence of godliness, which is a love and affection for God.
    - *“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”* **2 Timothy 3:5**
    - True godliness comes from Christ \_\_\_\_\_, not outward \_\_\_\_\_.

6. **Sixth fruit: brotherly \_\_\_\_\_ . vs. 7**

- God's plan is never for disciples to be an island to themselves. God created us in Christ to be in \_\_\_\_\_ with other believers.
- *"Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now."* **Philippians 1:4-5**
- Disciples are in fellowship with other believers because they are \_\_\_\_\_ in the fruit of brotherly kindness.
- *"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another."* **Romans 12:10**
- *"But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another."* **1 Thessalonians 4:9**
- Brotherly kindness is a work of the Spirit.
- *"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently."* **1 Peter 1:22**

7. **Seventh fruit: \_\_\_\_\_ . vs. 7**

- Charity is a love to the \_\_\_\_\_ human race, even your enemies and persecutors.
- *"And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you."* **1 Thessalonians 3:12**
- *"And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."* **Colossians 3:14**

**These seven fruits begin from \_\_\_\_\_ (Christ in us) and abound outwardly. vs. 8**