

THE APPRENTICE

Disciple - Greek: Matheteuo v.

1. to be a disciple of one - to follow his precepts and instructions
2. to make a disciple - to teach, instruct

Apprentice n.

1. One bound by legal agreement to work for another for a specific amount of time in return for instruction in a trade, art, or business.
2. One who is learning a trade or occupation,
3. A beginner; a learner.

You may be a construction worker working on a home,
You may be living in a mansion or you might live in a dome,
You might own guns and you might even own tanks,
You might be somebody's landlord, you might even own banks
But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes indeed
You're gonna have to serve somebody,
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord
But you're gonna have to serve somebody.

~Bob Dylan

More people are sidetracked by serving materialism than by anything else.

~Rick Warren

²⁸"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

~Jesus (Matthew 11:28-29 - NIV)

You're Hired!

~Donald Trump

Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ. It remains an abstract idea, a myth which has a place for the Fatherhood of God, but omits Christ as the living Son. ... There is trust in God, but no following of Christ.

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

'Disciples' means not just head-learners, not just heart-learners, but life learners. We have to discover, through prayer, study of the Scriptures, and above all devotion to Jesus himself such as we express when we come to his table, how we in our generation can implement the decisive victory which he won.

~N.T. Wright

Discipleship is anything that causes what is believed in the heart to have demonstrable consequences in our daily life.

~Eugene Peterson

Our entire lives should be about pursuing God and allowing Him to bring about radical Christ-likeness in us.

~Bill Nix

The Church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ, to make them little Christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became Man for no other purpose.

~C. S. Lewis

If our Christianity has ceased to be serious about discipleship, if we have watered down the gospel into emotional uplift which makes no costly demands and which fails to distinguish between natural and Christian existence, then we cannot help regarding the cross as an ordinary everyday calamity... We have then forgotten that the cross means rejection and shame as well as suffering.

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The decision to grow always involves a choice between risk and comfort. This means that to be a follower of Jesus you must renounce comfort as the ultimate value of your life.

~John Ortberg

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

~Mark 8:34 (NIV)