

JESUS THE MASTER TEACHER #5 - HE TEACHES ON DISCIPLESHIP

MATTHEW 16:24-27

I. DISCIPLESHIP REALIZED

- A. A position available to every person! No restrictions!
 - 1. All in general / ANY MAN in particular (vs. 24)
 - 2. The word "will" is operative, many "won't"
- B. The word (DISCIPLE) is used over 250 times in the N.T.
 - 1. It describes one who is a follower (v. 24)
 - 2. It describes one who is a learner MATT. 11:28-30

II. DISCIPLESHIP REQUIREMENTS

- A. Must be done in God's order, not our own (MATT. 16:24)
 - 1. Self-Denial - FIRST! - TITUS 2:11-12
 - 2. Cross-Bearing - SECOND - GAL. 2:20
 - 3. Follow Jesus - THIRD - MATT. 4:18-22
- B. If any fail in the order or obedience to these three
 - 1. Not worthy to be called disciple MATT. 10:37-38
 - 2. Discipleship requires commitment (Ex. Olympics)

III. DISCIPLESHIP REVEALS

- A. Disciples "loose" life in worldly things (MATT. 16:25)
 - 1. Does not live for Self / Wealth / Praise
 - 2. He becomes a Spring of Living Water JOHN 4:14
 - 3. One who is not thirsty does not need a spring
- B. Disciples "find" life in eternal things
 - 1. This is the abundant life JOHN 10:10
 - 2. Disciples live victorious and peaceful lives
 - 3. The crucified life (ROM. 6:6 / GAL. 2:20, 6:14)

IV. DISCIPLESHIP REWARDS

- A. No ETERNAL profit in the worldly life (MATT. 16:26-27)
 - 1. Many build wood, hay, and stubble 1 COR. 3:11-15
 - 2. All works will be tried by fire
 - 3. We want to be profitable servants ROM. 12:1
- B. ETERNAL profit only in eternity (MATT. 6:19-21)
 - 1. What will matter then? Our career? Our house?
 - 2. Lay up treasures in heaven - PILE IT HIGH!
 - 3. More focus on heaven changes the heart
- C. (JIM ELLIOT QUOTE)

DISCIPLE - Webster's 1828 - (1.) A learner; a scholar; one who receives or professes to receive instruction from another; as the disciples of Plato. (2.) A follower; an adherent to the doctrines of another.

MATT. 16:24 - "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

MATT. 16:25 - "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

ROM. 6:6 - "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."

GAL. 2:20 - "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

GAL. 6:14 - "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

MATT. 16:26-27 - "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (27) For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."

MATT. 6:19-21 - "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: (20) But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: (21) For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

JIM ELLIOT QUOTE - "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." Jim Elliot wrote those words on October 28, 1949. A young man contemplating a life of Discipleship. He and his four fellow missionaries were martyred a few years later on January 8th, 1956. All were married, and four were fathers. One wife was pregnant. After the birth, her three-year-old was heard to tell the new crying baby, "Never you mind, when we get to heaven I'll show you which one is daddy."