

MATTHEW 7:21

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True and False Disciples

21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.



Matthew 7:21



i. *What is a disciple?*

a. **Mathétés and didaskalos**

“a learner” in contrast to didaskalos which means “a teacher”. It denotes “one who follows one’s teaching” as the “disciples”.



i. *What is a disciple?*

b. **More than just a believer**

Abiding in His word. A disciple was not just a pupil, but an adherent; they are spoken of as IMITATORS of their teacher.

John 8:31 (AMP) - 31 So Jesus was saying to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word [continually obeying My teachings and living in accordance with them, then] you are truly My disciples.



i. What is a disciple?

b. More than just a believer

John 15:8 (AMP) - 8 My Father is glorified and honored by this, when you bear much fruit, and prove yourselves to be My [true] disciples.



ii. The chosen Twelve

Mark 1:16-17 (AMP)

16 As Jesus was walking by the shore of the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon [Peter] and Simon's brother, Andrew, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen

17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me [as My disciples, accepting Me as your Master and Teacher and walking the same path of life that I walk], and I will make you fishers of men."



ii. The chosen Twelve

Mark 3:14-15 (AMP)

14 And He appointed twelve [disciples], so that they would be with Him [for instruction] and so that He could send them out to preach [the gospel as apostles—that is, as His special messengers, personally chosen representatives],

15 and to have authority and power to cast out demons.



ii. The chosen Twelve

- a. That they might be with Him (vs 14)
- b. That they might preach (vs 14)
- c. That they may heal and cast out demons (vs 14)



iii. A mark of a true disciple

a. In character, life and love

Matthew 7:15-23 - True and False Prophets

15 “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.



iii. A mark of a true disciple

a. In character, life and love

Matthew 7:15-23 - True and False Prophets

18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.

19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.



iii. A mark of a true disciple

a. In character, life and love

Matthew 7:15-23 - True and False Prophets

21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’

23 Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’



iii. A mark of a true disciple

a. In character, life and love

Galatians 5:16-18, 22-23

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law...



iii. A mark of a true disciple

a. In character, life and love

Galatians 5:16-18, 22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness and self control



iii. A mark of a true disciple

a. In character, life and love

John 21:17

The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.



iii. A mark of a true disciple

b. In obedience and service

1 Samuel 15:22 (NLT)

But Samuel replied, “What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of ram.



iii. A mark of a true disciple

b. In obedience and service (The Great Commission)

Matthew 28:16-20

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.



iii. A mark of a true disciple

b. In obedience and service (The Great Commission)

Matthew 28:16-20

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



iv. Staying true and authentic wherever God leads you

You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed and placed and purposefully planted you, so that you would go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit will remain and be lasting....

John 15:16 - AMP



v. Conclusion - encouragement for us during the last days

Matthew 25 - The Parable of the Virgins

- There is a cost to following Jesus
- Being a disciple doesn't exempt you from trials and challenges
- Remain encouraged by remaining in Him, and ensure that you have enough oil to keep you burning

Galatians 6:9 - Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.



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