

WHO ARE THE TRUE DISCIPLES?

What Did Jesus Mean? -- Part 5

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Matthew 7:21 (NLT) *"Not all people who sound religious are really godly. They may refer to Me as 'Lord,' but they still won't enter the Kingdom of Heaven..."*

A TRUE FOLLOWER OF CHRIST...

1. Chooses to _____ on the right road.

Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV) *"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."*

John 10:9 (NIV) *"I am the gate; whoever enters through Me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture."*

John 14:6 (NIV) *"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

The Bible teaches that there is one way to God and Jesus Himself is both the Gate and the Way!

2. Will become _____ Jesus their example.

Matthew 7:15-16 (NIV) *"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?"*

TIPS FOR FRUIT INSPECTING...

- Every life _____ some kind of fruit.

Matthew 7:17-20 (NIV) *"Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 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."*

- Staying _____ to Jesus produces good fruit.

John 15:5 (CEV) *“I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you **stay joined to Me**, and I stay joined to you, **then you will produce lots of fruit**. But you cannot do anything without Me.”*

It's not our activity but our _____
with Jesus that produces fruit!

John 15:10 (NIV) *“If you **obey My commands**, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love.”*

Matthew 7:21-23 (NIV) *“Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **only he 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 perform many miracles?'²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from Me, you evildoers!' ”*

- 3. Builds their life on a _____ foundation.**

Matthew 7:24-27 (CEV) *“Anyone who **hears and obeys these teachings** of Mine is **like a wise person who built a house on solid rock**.²⁵ Rain poured down, rivers flooded, and winds beat against that house. But it did not fall, because it was built on solid rock.²⁶ Anyone who **hears My teachings and doesn't obey them** is **like a foolish person who built a house on sand**.²⁷ The rain poured down, the rivers flooded, and the winds blew and beat against that house. Finally, it fell with a crash.”*

HEARING AND LISTENING... TWO DIFFERENT THINGS:

- Hearing is a _____ process.
- Listening is a _____ process.

True disciples are followers of Christ who have chosen to live in obedience to our Heavenly Father just as Jesus did!