

*A DISCIPLE
AND A SON*



Are you a disciple?

Are you a son?

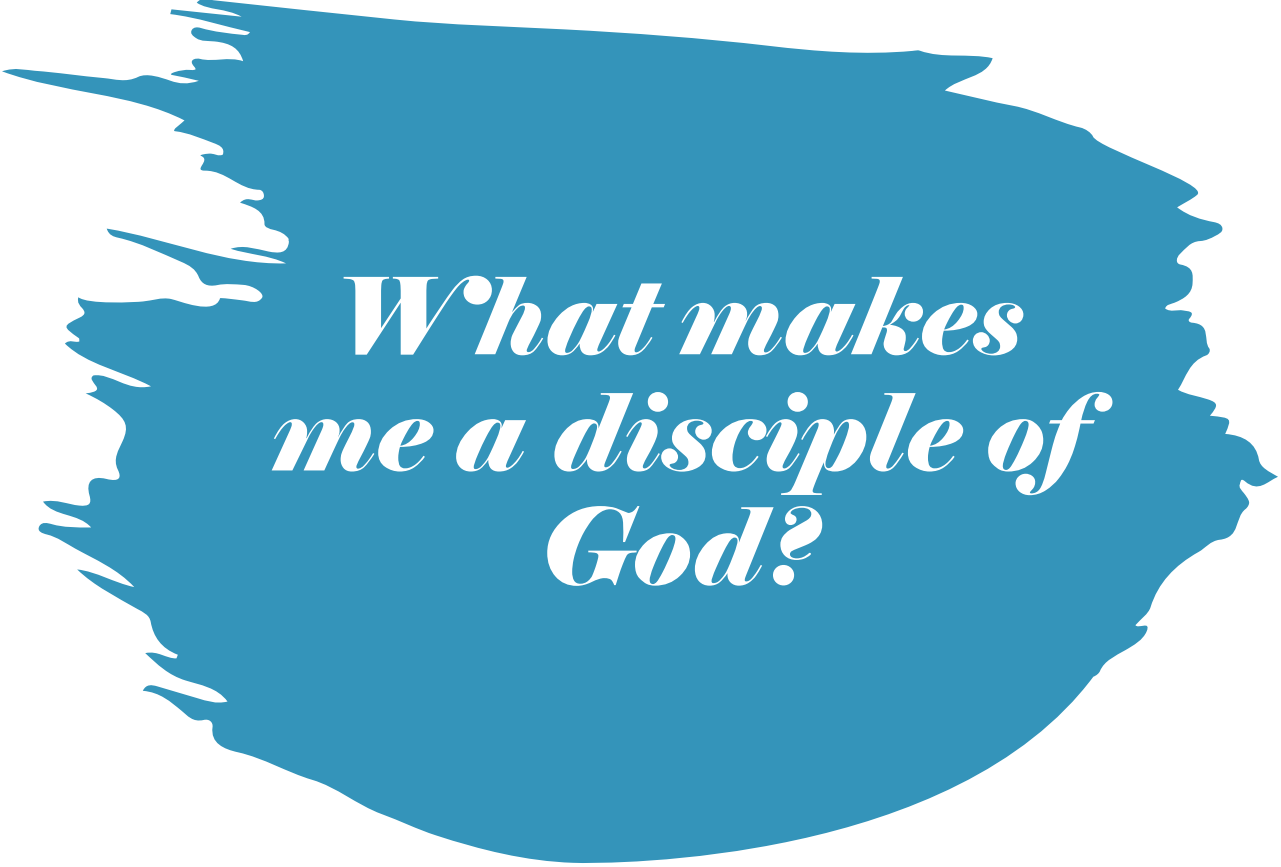


***You are never more
than a disciple....***

***You are never less
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*What makes
me a disciple of
God?*

Abiding in His Word

A disciple continuously studies, remains in, and obeys the teachings of scripture.

John 8:31 – "So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, 'If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples.'"

Sacrificial Love for Others

True discipleship is recognized by showing the same selfless love to others that Christ demonstrated.

John 13:35 – "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Bearing Spiritual Fruit

Producing continuous spiritual growth and good works honors God and proves a disciple's identity.

John 15:8 – "By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

Putting Christ Above all Else

Discipleship requires total commitment, placing loyalty to God above family, self-interest, and personal ambitions.

Luke 14:26 – "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

Carry Your Cross Daily

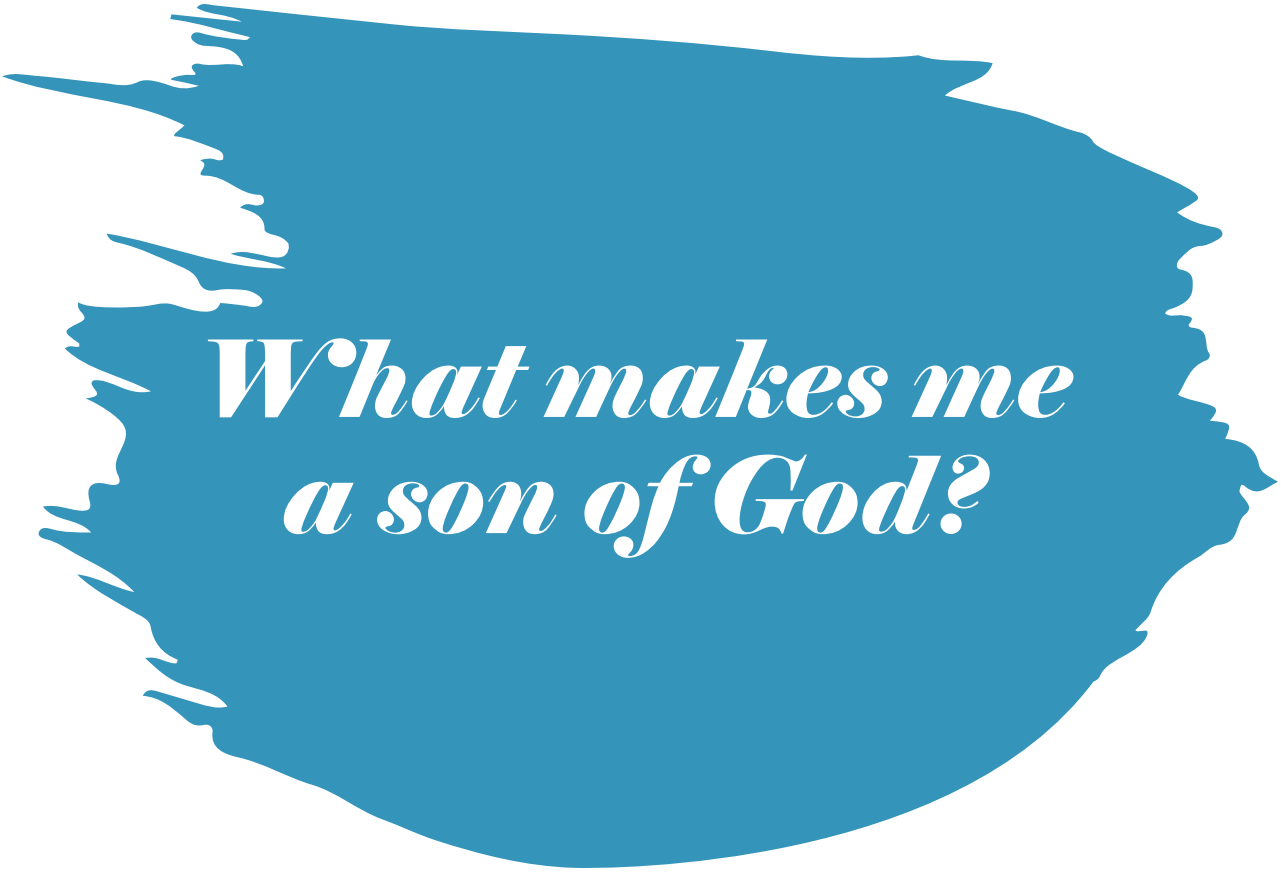
A disciple willingly accepts the hardships, self-denial, and public identification that comes with following truth.

Luke 14:27 – "Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

Forsaking all Possessions

A disciple surrenders material ownership, ensuring possessions do not master their heart or dictate their choices.

Luke 14:33 – "So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple."



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a son of God?*

Faith and Receiving Jesus Christ

John 1v12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

Galatians 3v26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith

Spiritual Adoption

Galatians 4v4-5 But when the set time had fully come,
God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
to redeem those under the law, that we might receive
adoption to sonship

Ephesians 1v5 He predestined us for adoption to
sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His
pleasure and will

Led by the Spirit

Romans 8v14-16 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back in to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons by whom we cry, Abba! Father! The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.



*What do I
have as a son of
God?*

Righteousness
(In right standing with God)

Direct access to the Father

Hebrews 4v16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need

Inheritance

Galatians 4v7 So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Romans 8v17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs-heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ...

Loving Discipline

Hebrews 12v4-6 In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

His Spirit actively dwells within us and intercedes for us

Romans 8v26-27 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Authority Over the Enemy

Luke 10v19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you

Supernatural Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12v7-11 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Effective and Answered Prayer

James 5v16 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.



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