

# **Follower & Disciple** **Jesus' Requirements**

## **'Follower'**

### **Matthew 4:18-20**

- 1) Agree to be made Fishers of Men.

### **Matthew 10:32-39**

- 2) In the following stage, he expects us to become more committed to him and vocal about him. (v. 32)
- 3) This is the stage we begin to learn that choices will need to be made to put Jesus (Our Lord) before people. (v. 33)
- 4) This is the stage that we learn taking a stand for God first, will cause conflict in relationships (specifically family, (v. 34) and that this conflict is his will. (v. 34)
- 5) (v. 37-38) - Putting Jesus first in our lives ("Loving others more" - specifically family is mentioned), dying to self

**(“take his cross”) and doing his will (“following him”) are basic components of this stage of growth.**

**a. If we are unwilling we are not worthy of him (said 3x).**

**“Worthy” - (G514)**

**probably from [71](#); deserving, comparable or suitable (as if drawing praise):--due reward, meet, (un-)worthy.**

**> He’s not talking our salvation here (that’s believer stage)**

**> He’s talking about receiving of his praise and rewards.**

**(Matt. 25:21 - “Well done thou good and faithful servant)**

**(Matt. 16:27 - ‘Reward everyone according to their (2 Cor. 5:10) works for what they had done while they were in their body’)**

### **Matthew 19:16-3**

**6) To follow we need to be willing to give up whatever possessions necessary to do what he’s asking. (v. 21)**

**7) (v. 27-30) Jesus states that as we learn to Follow and do what he asks, there will be many spiritual, physical, and financial rewards. With the final outcome of Eternal Life.**

**Luke 12:35-53**

- 8) Followers Watch and Wait for their master's return. (v. 37)**
  - 9) In this stage we learn to become a Faithful, and Wise Stewart / Manager, and Ruler. This is achieved by 'doing' or living our life in a Watching and Waiting way. (v. 42-44)**
  - 10) Knowing what Jesus wants and didn't do it, will bring punishment. (v. 47-48)**
  - 11) Followers learn that there is a responsibility, accountability, and action that is required when we are given something by the Lord. (v. 35-48, specifically v. 48b)**
- \*\*\*\*\* v. 49-53 - Jesus repeats the principle given in point #5.**

## **'Disciple'**

**Most of the requirements are very similar to that of being a 'Follower'. The main difference is that they are more intense.**

### **Luke 14:16-35**

- 1) Any excuses we come up with that will keep us from doing what God has asked us to do will disqualify us from being a Disciple. (v. 16-24)**
  
- 2) Jesus repeats the relationship obstacles he talked about when he was talking about becoming a Follower. But he intensifies a couple of his points. (v. 26-27)**
  - a. For a Follower: "Turn Against / Set at Variance / Foes / Enemies"**  
**For Disciple: "Hate" the relationships.**  
**(Please listen to the message for the definition of Hate)**
  
  - b. For a Follower: "Take his cross".**  
**For a Disciple: "Carry his cross".**

**3) He adds different family members than under Follower. He still seems to be describing family. However it grows more intense by his adding:**

- a. Wife. (v. 26)**
- b. His own life. (v. 26)**

**4) Here Jesus says we must be willing to give up 'everything' to be a Disciple. (v. 33) That is an enlargement on the list of things Jesus referred to in becoming a Follower.**

**a. It is another step higher than Follower.**

- Follower: Give up "Relationships, Property, Money".**
- Disciple: Give up "Everything".**

**5) This is not an easy thing to be a Disciple. Jesus says 'Count the Cost' on this. (Luke 14:26-27, 33)**