

“An Epic Challenge”

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Matthew 28:16-20 & others







like? Do those within the family of God feel comforted by my commitment of love or do they feel unsure of just where I stand with them? What kind of “soil” am I? Productive or unproductive?

Do: Pinpoint something that needs to “die” in your life in order to be fully devoted to the Lord Jesus. Write out an action plan to master God’s Word. Commit to a specific time of prayer each week and make bold requests of God. Prayerfully evaluate your personal time management; make a comprehensive inventory of skills, talents and abilities; review your check register or online statement and see what “temporal” vs. “eternal” values take priority. Identify one lost person you will attempt to reach for Christ.

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*“Go therefore and **make disciples...**”*

Matthew 28:19a (CSB)

-  **(#1) Jesus Christ’s disciples CARRY their CROSS.**
-  **(#2) Jesus Christ’s disciples MASTER the WORD.**
-  **(#3) Jesus Christ’s disciples PRAY.**
-  **(#4) Jesus Christ’s disciples PRODUCE GOOD FRUIT.**
-  **(#5) Jesus Christ’s disciples MANAGE their RESOURCES.**
-  **(#6) Jesus Christ’s disciples LOVE ONE ANOTHER.**

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Read: *Matthew 28:16-20 & the passages related to each characteristic of being a Disciple.*

Think: Contemplate Jesus’ expectations for His disciples and then ask these questions: *What does it mean for me to carry my cross? What does it cost me to carry my cross? How do I know truth and what does Jesus mean when He says to “abide in My word”? How does eternity inform my use of time, development of life skills and investment of material possessions? What is the content of my prayer life*