

**JOINING JESUS IN THE WORLD**  
**LEARNING TO FOLLOW JESUS – Part 5 of 6**

**Memory Verse**

*This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*  
**John 15:8**

*Test yourselves and find out if you really are true to your faith. If you pass the test, you will discover that Christ is living in you. But if Christ isn't living in you, you have failed.*

2 Cor. 13:5 (CEV)

**WHY DISCIPLES BEAR FRUIT**

**1. A DISCIPLE IS \_\_\_\_\_ BY GOD'S SPIRIT**

*The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

Gal. 5:22-23 (NLT)

**2. A DISCIPLE IS \_\_\_\_\_ TO A LIFE IN CHRIST**

*When Christ died he took that entire rule-dominated way of life down with him... leaving you free to "marry" a resurrection life and bear "offspring" of faith for God.*

Rom. 7:4 (Mes)

*We belong... to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God... we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.*

Rom. 7:5-6 (ESV)

**3. A DISCIPLE IS \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD'S LOVE**

*If you are a follower of Christ Jesus... all that matters is your faith that makes you love others.*

Gal. 5:6 (CEV)

**4. A DISCIPLE IS \_\_\_\_\_ IN WHAT CHRIST IS DOING**

*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.*

John 15:16

*The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does His work through me.*

John 14:10 (NLT)

**5 ESSENTIALS TO BEARING FRUIT**

**1. I MUST \_\_\_\_\_**

*Take care to live in me, and let me live in you. For a branch can't produce fruit when severed from the vine. Nor can you be fruitful apart from me.*

John 15:4 (LB)

**2. I must \_\_\_\_\_**

*And when they had prayed... they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.*

Acts 4:31 (ESV)

**3. I MUST \_\_\_\_\_**

*Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.*

1 Cor. 9:22 (LB)

**4. I MUST \_\_\_\_\_**

*Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your real life—is with Christ in God. He is your life.*

Col. 3:3 (Mes)

*It's who you are, not what you say and do, that counts. Your true being brims over into true words and deeds.*

Luke 6:45 (Mes)

*We cannot keep quiet. We must speak about what we have seen and heard.*

Acts 4:20 (NCV)

**5. I MUST \_\_\_\_\_**

*Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord.*

Psa. 89:15

*Even before I speak, you already know what I will say. You are all around me on every side; you protect me with your power.*

Psa. 139:4-5 (GN)

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way.*

Prov. 3:5-6 (GN)