What happens when you are a devoted disciple of Jesus

**Experience deeper devotion to Jesus**

**Monday**

Read Matthew 20:17-28

* ***Journalize*** *what deeper commitment you need to make to Jesus based on what you read in these scriptures.*

**Tuesday**

Read Matthew 21:1-11

* *Has God ever asked you to do something unusual by human standards?* ***Meditate*** *on the level of trust you have to have in God when He asks you to do something that is outside of your comfort zone.*

**Wednesday**

Read Matthew 21:12-17, Galatians 2:20, Romans 8:13, Matthew 7:13-14

* *If you are devoted to God in 2020, He is certainly going to drive some of your personality traits out of you because you are His temple.* ***Pray*** *today to God and ask Him what parts of your personality need to be evicted from your life.*

**Thursday**

Read Matthew 21:18-22

* *As part of cursing the fig tree and seeing it wither, Jesus took the time to teach his disciples a spiritual lesson. But they had to be teachable.* ***Pray*** *and* ***meditate*** *today and ask God how you can become more teachable.*

**Friday**

Read Matthew 21:28-32, 1 John 2:17

* *To be devoted to God is to be obedient to His direction.* ***Journalize*** *what you are learning about following Jesus’ lead in your life.*

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Your commitment to Jesus in 2020

If Jesus were on the earth today, would you be one of his twelve disciples? Would you leave everything and follow Him wherever He went?

Matthew 20:17 Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them, 18 “We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death 19 and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!”

When you are a devoted disciple, God tells it to you like it is.

Matthew 20:20 Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

21 “What is it you want?” he asked.

She said, “Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.”

22 “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?”

“We can,” they answered.

23 Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.”

24 When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. 25 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

When you are a devoted disciple, He is patient with you when you ask Him for self centered things.

He will take every opportunity to teach you.

He will always point you toward selfless servanthood.

Matthew 21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

Devoted disciples are routinely sent on assignment by His Spirit.

Every assignment He sends you on will require you to trust Him.

Matthew 21:12 Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. 13 “It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’”

14 The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.

As a temple of the Holy Spirit, Jesus will begin to drive things out of us. Some of them we will appreciate others, we won’t appreciate so much.

He drives out those things that have a purpose to capitalize for self.

These things must die and we must walk the straight and narrow way.

Galatians 2:20

20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Romans 8:13

13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Matthew 7:13 “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.

How do you die to self? You acknowledge the sinful personality traits you have and your repent of them. Those things are executed in you as soon as you repent.

How do you repent?

You stand in front of the cross and stare at God’s goodness dying on the cross for you and

you say, “I am sorry. I crucify this sinful personality trait to the cross with your Son.”

Until the personality dies, the behavior isn’t going to change.

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‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’

As a temple of the Holy Spirit (a devoted disciple), you were created to enjoy talking and listening to God.

**14**The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.

As a devoted disciple the blind and the lame will come to Jesus in your, and HE will heal them through you.

Matthew 21:18 Early in the morning, as Jesus was on his way back to the city, he was hungry. 19 Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, “May you never bear fruit again!” Immediately the tree withered.

20 When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. “How did the fig tree wither so quickly?” they asked.

21 Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done. 22 If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

As a devoted disciple, you will see Jesus do things that could be totally misunderstood by unspiritual people.

Jesus will give you spiritual interpretations of physical experiences.

Are you teachable?

Who is it that will receive whatever they ask for in prayer? The devoted disciple.

Matthew 21:23 Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

24 Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 25 John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ 26 But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

27 So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

The undevoted person doesn’t get answers.

Follow first and the answers will follow.

Ephesians 1:9

9 he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,

Matthew 21:28 “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

29 “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

30 “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

31 “Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Devoted disciples do what God tells them to do.

1 John 2:17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.