



#2 THE FUNDAMENTALS

Of Following Jesus

John 15:4-11

John 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you [do] abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

John 15:9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Three Ways to Apply these Fundamentals:

For yourself – I need this

For someone else – They need this

For others_-- They know other people who need this

Jesus' Teaching in the Vineyard...

Equipping His Disciples to Lead

Helping Them Process the Defection of a Teammate

Preparing Them for the Realities of Ministry

Teaching the Fundamentals of Discipleship

THREE FUNDAMENTALS

OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

#1 THE WORD: Getting God's Word into your **HEART**.

#2 PRAYER: Sharing your heart and **DESIRES** with the Lord.

#3 LOVING OBEDIENCE: Gladly bringing Yourself under Christ's **AUTHORITY**.

DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS

#1 EATING - Learning to feed your soul with **SCRIPTURE**.

#2 BREATHING - Engaging in constant, ongoing **DIALOGUE** with God about everything.

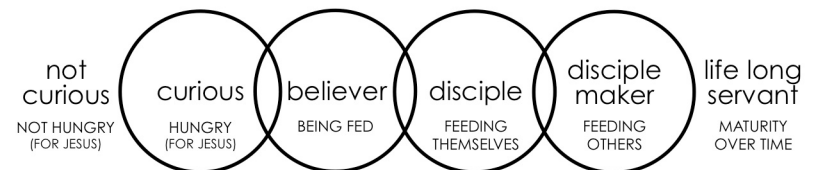
#3 EXERCISING - Learning to joyfully do what a Loving Lord **COMMANDED** His followers to do.

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Discipleship Rewards, Benefits, Reserved Blessings...

1. Answered Prayers!
2. Bearing Much Fruit!
3. Being Filled Up with the Joy of Jesus!



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