

A Nine Chapter Discipleship Test

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A review of the training of the disciples in Matthew 4-12

Am I a disciple of Jesus? Am I experiencing growth?

1. Disciples repent, follow and fish

4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

¹⁸ And walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

¹⁹ And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

²⁰ And they immediately left the nets, and followed Him.

2. Disciples love, serve and share

4:21 And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them.

²² And they immediately left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

²³ And *Jesus* was going about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.

3. Disciples do life together (4:17-25)

4. Disciples are humble, mournful, gentle, righteous, merciful, pure in heart, and peacemakers

5:1 And when He saw the multitudes, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

² And opening His mouth He *began* to teach them, saying,

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

5. Disciples are blessed with kingdom citizenship, comfort, inheriting everything, satisfaction, mercy, knowing God, and sonship and live like it

(5:1-9)

6. Disciples suffer persecution and rejoice

5:10 "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when *men* cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me.

¹² "Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

7. Disciples influence others

5:13 "You are the salt of the earth; ...

... ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. ...

... ¹⁶ "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

8. Disciples are careful to obey even the least of God's laws

5:17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.

¹⁸ "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.

¹⁹ "Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven;...

9. Disciples honor others always and reconcile with others when possible

5:21 "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.'

²² "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever shall say, 'You fool,' shall be guilty *enough to go* into the fiery hell.

²³ "If therefore you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

²⁴ leave your offering there before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

10. Disciples practice fidelity

5:27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery';

²⁸ but I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

11. Disciples practice integrity

5:33 "Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not make false vows, but shall fulfill your vows to the Lord.'

³⁴ "But I say to you, make no oath at all,

... ³⁷ "But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; and anything beyond these is of evil.

12. Disciples love, serve and pray for their enemies

5:43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.'

⁴⁴ "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you

⁴⁵ in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven;...

13. Disciples give, pray and fast out of a relationship with God, not religious show

6:1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

² "When therefore you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

... ⁵ "And when you pray, you are not to be as the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners, in order to be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

... ¹⁶ "And whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites *do*, for they neglect their appearance in order to be seen fasting by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

14. Disciples forgive

6:14 "For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

¹⁵ "But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

15. Disciples reject materialism, invest in the kingdom and live worry free

6:19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

²⁰ "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

²¹ for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

...²⁵ "For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing?"

²⁶ "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?"

...³³ "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you."

16. Disciples are not judgemental but minister with discernment

7:1 "Do not judge lest you be judged."

² "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you."

...⁵ "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."

⁶ "Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces."

17. Disciples trust and pray

7:7 "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you."

18. Disciples treat others the way they want to be treated

7:12 "Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

19. Disciples walk the narrow road

7:13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it."

¹⁴ "For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it."

20. Disciples are wise regarding false teachers

7:15 "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves."

21. Disciples obey the will of God

7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven."

²² "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'"

²³ "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'"

22. Disciples are compassionate (chapters 8-9)

9:35 And Jesus was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness."

³⁶ And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd."

³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

³⁸ "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

23. Disciples follow Jesus anywhere, all the time

8:19 And a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."

²⁰ And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

²¹ And another of the disciples said to Him, "Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father."

²² But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me; and allow the dead to bury their own dead."

24. Disciples trust Jesus in the storms

8:26 And He said to them, "Why are you timid, you men of little faith?" Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and it became perfectly calm."

25. Disciples confront evil and rescue the oppressed

8:28 And when He had come to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs; *they were* so exceedingly violent that no one could pass by that road.

26. Disciples are forgiven and live like it

9:6 "But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins "-- then He said to the paralytic-- "Rise, take up your bed, and go home."

27. Disciples spend time with bad people

9:9 And as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man, called Matthew, sitting in the tax office; and He said to him, "Follow Me!" And he rose, and followed Him.

¹⁰ And it happened that as He was reclining *at the table* in the house, behold many tax-gatherers and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples.

¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to His disciples, "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax-gatherers and sinners?"

¹² But when He heard this, He said, "*It is* not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick.

¹³ "But go and learn what *this* means, 'I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

28. Disciples focus on Jesus alone and reject religion

9:16 "But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results.

¹⁷ "Nor do *men* put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out, and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."

29. Disciples share the good news, meet needs, trust God for the resources, look for the receptive, build friendships, and blow off rejection

10:7 "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

⁸ "Heal *the* sick, raise *the* dead, cleanse *the* lepers, cast out demons; freely you received, freely give.

⁹ "Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts,

¹⁰ or a bag for *your* journey, or even two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for the worker is worthy of his support.

¹¹ "And into whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is worthy in it; and abide there until you go away.

¹² "And as you enter the house, give it your greeting.

¹³ "And if the house is worthy, let your *greeting of peace* come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your *greeting of peace* return to you.

¹⁴ "And whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake off the dust of your feet.

¹⁵ "Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for *the* land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city.

30. Disciples are like sheep in the midst of wolves; wise and innocent

10:16 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; therefore be shrewd as serpents, and innocent as doves.

31. Disciples, when persecuted, look for the opportunities to share which God provides and trust Him for what to say

10:17 "But beware of men; for they will deliver you up to *the* courts, and scourge you in their synagogues;
¹⁸ and you shall even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

¹⁹"But when they deliver you up, do not become anxious about how or what you will speak; for it shall be given you in that hour what you are to speak.

²⁰"For it is not you who speak, but *it is* the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

32. Disciples follow Jesus' example, fear God alone and keep sharing when persecuted

10:21 "And brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death.

²²"And you will be hated by all on account of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.

33. Disciples share with their neighbors as they learn about Jesus

10:27 "What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear *whispered* in *your* ear, proclaim upon the housetops.

²⁸"And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

...³²"Everyone therefore who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.

³³"But whoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

34. Disciples accept division in families and communities caused by Jesus as part of God's plan to save as many as possible

10:34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵"For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and a man's enemies will be the members of his household.

35. Disciples love Jesus supremely, accept persecution and give their lives away

10:37 "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

³⁸"And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

³⁹"He who has found his life shall lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake shall find it.

36. Disciples support each other

10:40 "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

⁴¹"He who receives a prophet in *the* name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

⁴²"And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you he shall not lose his reward."

37. Disciples can experience suffering, have questions and go to Jesus for the answers

11:2 Now when John in prison heard of the works of Christ, he sent *word* by his disciples,

³and said to Him, "Are You the Expected One, or shall we look for someone else?"

38. Disciples have the greatest, most important calling in the history of the world and live like it

11:11 "Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen *anyone* greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

39. Disciples are humble, trust Jesus' sovereignty and enjoy rest

11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I praise Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou didst hide these things from *the* wise and intelligent and didst reveal them to babes.

...²⁸ "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

²⁹ "Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls.

³⁰ "For My yoke is easy, and My load is light."

40. Disciples minister to the hurting and abused of all nations in a gentle, Spirit-led way

11:18 "Behold, My Servant whom I have chosen; My Beloved in whom My soul is well-pleased; I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He shall proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

¹⁹ "He will not quarrel, nor cry out; Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets.

²⁰ "A battered reed He will not break off, And a smoldering wick He will not put out, Until He leads justice to victory.

²¹ "And in His name the Gentiles will hope."

41. Disciples warn false religious leaders (chapter 12)

12:30 "He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

All Scripture: NASV