The Disciplined Life: (John 18:17)

The life that wins is a Disciplined Life.

- I. A Disciple is one who learns of Christ, Follows Him, and Obeys Him.
- **II.** Every Christian is a Disciple.
 - **a.** It is possible to be a Christian, to be saved, and to know that your sins are forgiven, and yet not walk this path of discipleship.
 - **b.** To be a disciple is to be a **Disciplined Christian.** "*A Disciplined One.*" (1 COR 9:27)
- **III.** Discipleship is a costly business.

IV. Are YOU one of Christ's Disciples?

- **a.** The question is pointed, personal, challenging, and disturbing.
- **b.** What is your answer?

Christ Gave us the Marks of Discipleship

I. <u>1st Mark of Discipleship</u>: Hating (Lk 14:26)(Mat 10:37) That's part of the price of Discipleship.

II. 2nd Mark of Discipleship: Cross-Bearing

(Matt 10:38)(Luke 14:27) Cross-Bearing is <u>DEATH to SELF</u> Are YOU one of Christ's Disciples?

III. <u>3rd Mark of Discipleship</u>: Forsaking

(Luke 14:33) Forsaking is <u>DEATH to THINGS</u> (1 Cor 6:20) Are YOU one of Christ's Disciples?

IV. 4th Mark of Discipleship: Continuing

(John 8:31) Continuing is <u>DEATH to the FLESH</u>

(Col 3:16-17) (Ps 119:32) (John 15:4-7)

Essentials to Continuing in Christ:

<u>Meditate upon the Word</u>: Josh 1:8 Let it permeate us. <u>Evaluate ourselves by the Word</u>: Job 23:12

Realize the blessings of living the word: Ps 1

(Lk 7:35) *But WISDOM is justified of all her children.* **Are YOU one of Christ's Disciples?**

V. 5th Mark of Discipleship: Loving

(John 13:35)(John 14:21)

- *a.* Love determines how we live. (1 John 2:15)
- **b.** Love Removes our Fear. (1 John 4:18)

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