

The Making Of A Disciple

Series: Ethos

“As Jesus was going down the road, he saw Matthew sitting at his tax-collection booth. ‘Come, be my disciple!,’ Jesus said. So Matthew got up and followed him.” Matthew 9:9 (NLT)

Being A Follower Of Jesus Means...

1. You Spend Time With Jesus

“If you want to be my disciple you must come and follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And if they follow me, the Father will honor them.” John 12:26 (NLT)

Spiritual Growth Is A Choice

Spiritual Growth Is A Commitment

Spiritual Growth Is A Relationship

2. You Love Jesus More Than Anyone Or Anything

“If you want to be my follower you must love me more than your own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, more than your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:26 (LB)

Spiritual Growth Is Measured By Love

“The most important commandment is this... You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.” Mark 12:29-30 (NLT)

3. You Love Each Other

“If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples.” John 13:35 (TEV)

Spiritual Growth Happens In Community

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.” 1 John 3:16 (NIV)

4. You Do What Jesus Says

“If you continue to obey my teaching, you are truly my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31-32 (NCV)

Spiritual Growth Is An Ongoing Process

Spiritual Growth Is The Result Of Obedience

Spiritual Growth Is Based On God’s Word

Spiritual Growth Is The Way To Freedom

5. You Serve Others

“Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.” Mark 9:35 (NLT)

“For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28 (NLT)

“If anyone wants to be my disciple, he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.”
Matthew 16:24 (LB)

“If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life.” Mark 8:35 (NLT)