

# Become a follower of Jesus!

## ***Benefits of being a disciple (follower) of Jesus***

- **You will spend eternity in paradise!** The Bible makes it clear that true followers of Jesus will get to spend eternity in heaven after they die, but people who reject Jesus will spend eternity separated from the love of God. Read these verses and write down what God is telling you:

John 14:1-6 \_\_\_\_\_

Galatians 6:7-8 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 2:6-8 \_\_\_\_\_

Titus 3:4-7 \_\_\_\_\_

- **You will have God's protection, help, comfort, and guidance during the challenging times in your life!** Even as a Christian, we will face difficulties, but we have Jesus and his Holy Spirit to help us through those tough times. Read these verses. What does God want you to know?

Psalms 34:4-10 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 13:5-6 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 112:1-8 \_\_\_\_\_

John 16:13-15 \_\_\_\_\_

John 14:15-17 \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 26:3-4 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 8:26-28 \_\_\_\_\_

John 14:26-27 \_\_\_\_\_

Philippians 4:6-7 and 12-13 \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 30:20-21 \_\_\_\_\_

James 1:5-6 \_\_\_\_\_

Zephaniah 3:17 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 91:14-15 \_\_\_\_\_

- **Our lives on this earth have great meaning and purpose when we follow God!** God has a special purpose for your life and had a plan mapped out before you were even born. He also gives us special talents that we can use to help other people grow closer to God and that bring us a deep level of joy. Read these verses. What does God want you to do?

Psalms 139:13-16 \_\_\_\_\_

Jeremiah 29:11-13 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 and 27-28 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 2:9 \_\_\_\_\_

## How to grow as a disciple (follower) of Jesus

- **Love God!** This means focusing on how marvelous God really is and giving Him praise. Also, if we truly love God, we will want to obey Him and live a life that brings Him delight. Read these verses. What is God telling you:  
Psalm 100 \_\_\_\_\_  
Psalm 103:1-5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew 22:37-38 \_\_\_\_\_  
John 14:21 \_\_\_\_\_
- **Trust Him and surrender everything to Him.** This means we need to give up doing life our own way and we need to do things His way from now on! We need to give Him the steering wheel of our life and get in the back seat! He wants us to trust Him. Read these verses. What is God telling you?  
Proverbs 3:5-6 \_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 14:33 \_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 9:23-26 \_\_\_\_\_  
Psalm 56:11 \_\_\_\_\_
- **Love other people.** This means we need to show love to everyone around us, being kind, compassionate and caring to all. Look up these verses and write what God is telling you...  
John 13:34-35 \_\_\_\_\_  
1 John 3:16-18 \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Corinthians 13:4-7 \_\_\_\_\_
- **Remain connected to Jesus.** This means keeping your mind and heart focused on Jesus so that you do not slowly stray away. We often start out with good intentions to follow God, but if we do not discipline ourselves to stay connected to Him, we will drift away. Read John 15:1-8 to understand this better. Here are 3 ways we stay connected to Jesus (what action should you take?)
  - 1) **Daily reading and meditating on his Word, which is the Bible**  
John 8:31-32 \_\_\_\_\_  
Deuteronomy 11:18-21 \_\_\_\_\_  
Joshua 1:8 \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) **Daily praying to God and listening for His answers**  
Colossians 4:2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew 26:41 \_\_\_\_\_  
John 10:27 \_\_\_\_\_  
Isaiah 30:20-21 \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) **Regularly meeting together with other followers of Jesus**  
Hebrews 10:24-25 \_\_\_\_\_
- **Be a humble servant to others.** God wants us to display a humble heart and a willingness to put others ahead of ourselves. Look up these verses.  
Matthew 20:26-28 \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew 25:34-40 \_\_\_\_\_  
Philippians 2:3-8 \_\_\_\_\_

- **Honor God with your body.** This means saying no to the wrong things our flesh desires (such as sexual impurity, over-eating, illegal drugs, drunkenness) and making up our minds that we will honor God with our bodies. Read these verses. What does God want you to do?

Romans 12:1-3 \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 5:3 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- **Recognize the devil's schemes.** Satan (the devil) is going to be setting traps and temptations to try to bring you down, so be alert for his schemes and run away from temptations to do evil. This may mean getting away from old friends and making new, godly friends! Read these verses. What is God telling you?

1 Peter 5:8-9 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 10:13 \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 6:10-18 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 15:33 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 11:14 \_\_\_\_\_
- **Submit to authority.** God wants us to live peacefully with others and to show proper respect for those in authority over us, whether that is your pastor, the government or your parents! Look up these verses. What specific actions does God want you to take?

Titus 3:1-2 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 2:13-17 \_\_\_\_\_
- **Tell others about Jesus!** God asks us to share the good news about Jesus coming to earth and dying on the cross to forgive our sins and give us an eternal life with him in heaven. Read these verses. What does God want you to do?

Matthew 28:18-20 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 \_\_\_\_\_