(4) Filled to Overflow Disciple

**“May you be covered in the dust of your Rabbi…”**

It was a great honor to be chosen by a Rabbi to be a disciple…

*Let thy house be a meeting-house for the wise;*  
*and powder thyself in the dust of their feet;*  
*and drink their words with thirstiness.* **Mishnah Avot 1:4**

**Following**, **Watching**, and **Listening** **Very Closely**

We have a very weak definition of *disciple* compared to the New Testament meaning.

* I follow him on Twitter…
* I follow her on Youtube…
* Have you been following the news lately…?
* *Follow* to us means moderate interest…keeping up with…”like”

**True Disciples Follow, Watch and Listen so Closely and Intensely that They Are Able to Say, Do, and Live the Way Their Lord/Teacher Does**

**John 13:12-17**

**12**After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, “Do you understand what I was doing? **13You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and you are right, because that’s what I am. 14And since I, your Lord and Teacher**, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. **15I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.16**I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. **17Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.**

**John 8:31-32**

Jesus said to the people who believed in him, **“You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. 32**And **you will know the truth**, and the truth will set you free.”

**John 14:21**

**He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me**; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will **disclose Myself to him.”**

**John 14:23**

Jesus replied, **“All who love me will do what I say**. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them.

**John 15:10**

**When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love**, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.

**1 John 5:3**

**Loving God means keeping his commandments**, and his commandments are not burdensome.

**2 John 6**

**Love means doing what God has commanded us**, and he has commanded us to love one another, just as you heard from the beginning.

**2 John 9**

Anyone who goes too far and **does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God**; **the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.**

* **A Disciple** 
  + **Is Faithful to the teachings of Jesus**
  + **Knows the Truth of those teachings**
  + **Proves his/her love & devotion by following Jesus’ instructions/commandments**
  + **Abides in the teachings of Christ**
    - **Matthew 28:19-20**

Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **20teaching them to observe all that I commanded you…**

**Jesus’ Prayer for His Disciples Then & Now**

**John 17:3,8,14,17-19, 20, 26**

This is eternal life, **that they may know You**, the only true God, **and Jesus Christ** whom You have sent…**the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received *them* and truly understood** that I came forth from You…

**I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them**…

**Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth**. **18**As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. **19**For their sakes I sanctify Myself, **that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.**

“I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but **for those also who believe in Me through their word**…

**I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”**

**Shepherds After God’s Own Heart**

**Jeremiah 3:15**

“Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, **who will feed you on knowledge and understanding.**

