

A DISCIPLE'S COVENANT

The following are five areas of a disciple's life in the form of a covenant. Realizing that these can only be accomplished in the power of the Holy Spirit, we endeavor to practice these principles in spite of our weakness.

As a follower and a disciple of Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, I endeavor to live the following...

1. To love Christ first in my life.

- Luke 14:26 *If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters – yes, even his own life – he cannot be my disciple. (Also Revelation 2:4-5)*

2. To surrender my ways to Him and acknowledge His Lordship in me.

- Luke 14:27 *...anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.*
- Galatians 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

3. To abide and be trained in His Word, the Bible, and to keep it as the standard of my life.

- John 8:31 *If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.*
- John 17:17 *Your word is truth.*

4. To love my Christian brothers and sisters with God's love.

- John 13:34-35 *A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*
- Matthew 22:37-40 *... And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."...*

5. To make disciples who follow Christ with the same passion I follow and obey Christ.

- Matthew 28:18-20 *... Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*
- Acts 1:8 *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

