



Walking in the Steps of the Master:

A Twelve Step Guide to Discipleship

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Isaiah 49:6...I will give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be my salvation to the ends of the earth.

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Step Four: Being like Yeshua

I personally feel that one of the most important reference in the Bible is the reference to the nature of Yeshua, for it clearly states our responsibility and opportunity to be like Yeshua, Philippians 2:5-11 NLT:

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated Him to the place of highest honor and gave Him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

We are to begin our walk as a disciple of Yeshua by committing ourselves to becoming like He is. It was the duty of the disciple to emulate the ways of the master or teacher, in every situation that they encountered. To do this, they would live with the master 24/7. It was the responsibility of the master to exhibit the qualities of righteousness of GOD found in the Torah instructions. Then it became the responsibility of the disciple to incorporate these ideas into their life.

The process starts by having the proper attitude. Yeshua enjoyed all the privileges of heaven, but He chose to forsake them for the opportunity to do the Father's will in our world. Some believers prefer to enjoy all the privileges that come with being a child of GOD, but they do not want to sacrifice them in service to the Father.

The true disciple will be willing to lay aside the privileges for the opportunity to do the work of the Father. Sometimes it may mean going to unpleasant places or dealing with unlovable people; but for the true disciple, it is the path that Yeshua walked.

To walk this path, one must be willing to be obedient to the will of the Father. Yeshua never did one thing that was not in the Father's will. Yeshua learned obedience through the life experiences where He 'suffered' to the flesh, by preferring to be obedient, Hebrews 5:8. We must remember that Yeshua faced the same problems that we face, Hebrews 4:15, but He did not fail. We have this same ability in us through His spirit given to us at our rebirth.

Obedience will mean sacrifice, so the disciple must be willing to sacrifice everything just as Yeshua was willing to sacrifice everything for us. We need to sacrifice all of our earthly ambitions so that we may pursue the will of the Father. We must sacrifice our worldly (anti-GOD) thoughts so that we may develop the mind of Yeshua, 1 Corinthians 2:16. We must sacrifice our unrighteous emotions, so that we might walk in the fruit of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22, 23. We must sacrifice the pleasures of the flesh, so that we may labor in righteousness. In essence, we must die to ourselves so that we may live in Yeshua.

Death is never a pleasant thing, but it is necessary as a part of our freedom from sin. When we die to the fleshly desires of our old nature, we will no longer be walking in unrighteousness (doing wrong things), for we will be transformed by the power of Yeshua into an obedient servant doing the will of the Father.

Also, with sacrifices comes rewards. Rewards should never be our motivation for service but they can bring us great hope, as we see that Yeshua was exalted by the Father for His faithful obedience. Yeshua is exalted above all else and He will be the focus of submission for all people, as LORD of LORD and KING of KINGS.

Yeshua will share of His rewards with His faithful servants that have chosen to follow His path. May we be comforted by His promise of rewards for our 'suffering' in obedience, Matthew 19:29 NLT:

And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for My sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life.