

SIX PRINCIPLES ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS FOR EVERY DISCIPLE

Kingdom Training Class: Level 4

Principle 1: THE STANDARD: Love Like Jesus Loved (memorize Eph 5:2)

1. John 1:1-5, 14, 18 Christianity is all about JESUS. Jesus is God. Jesus reveals God.
2. FOLLOW ME is the call of Jesus
Mt 4:19; Mt 10:38; Mt 16:24; Mt 19:21; Luke 14:27; John 1:43; John 12:26; John 21:21-22
3. *In His Steps* by Charles M. Sheldon written in 1896...
WHAT WOULD JESUS DO? 1 Peter 2:21
We will know how to live, act, think, feel, love only to the extent that we know Jesus.
4. The Bible is an absolute standard for lifestyle and doctrine but must always be put in the context of that's what Jesus thinks, likes, demands—this is how he lived! That's how he loved! The Bible REVEALS our standard. Phil 2:5-8; Eph 5:1-2; 1 John 2:3-6
 - The Christianity that attempts to suffer or to love by proxy is not the Christianity of Christ.
 - Each individual Christian must follow IN HIS STEPS along the path of love and personal sacrifice!
 - The Christianity that is not every day is not the Christianity of Christ.
IF IT'S NOT DAILY, IT'S NOT CHRISTIANITY! Luke 9:23
5. Gospels are rich with Jesus' interactions with people. Love initiates; Love empathizes; Love goes outside our comfort zone; Jesus gave time to strangers; Jesus had focused or discipling relationships.
6. A life without love tears a person up inside...people must have love or they cease to live...most people live only with an illusion of love.
7. Three ways people try to love each other:
 - a. IF LOVE
 - b. BECAUSE LOVE
 - c. UNCONDITIONAL LOVE (Agape love)
8. John 13:34-35
Go back and reread the gospels concentrating on how Jesus loved the people he came in contact with. As you are around the people in your life, ask yourself the question, "What would Jesus do?" and then love them as Jesus would love them.
9. Climbing Tree Analogy...The Standard is to LOVE LIKE JESUS LOVED!