

Disciples Standing Fast in the Battle

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I. Introduction.

- A. There is reason to be concerned about the US.
- B. The kingdom of God does not depend on the US, but the US has sent more missionaries than anyone. (Ephesians 6:12)
- C. We need to prepare to stand fast in the battle. We should expect suffering because we are in enemy territory. (Genesis 4:7; John 16:33; Isaiah 59:16; 2 Timothy 3:12; Mark 4:19; 1 John 2:15-16)
- D. There is no answer in riches. (Proverbs 23:4-5)
- E. The only things that will last in the end is the Word of God and the human soul.

II. A disciples is a follower and a learner.

III. Marks of discipleship.

- A. Love for the brethren. (John 13:34-35)
- B. Continuing in the Word of God. (John 8:31; 2 Timothy 3:17)
- C. A fruitful life, which is the fruit of a changed life and the fruit of discipleship. (John 15:8; Galatians 5:22-23)
- D. Forsaking first. Jesus must be first. (Luke 14:26; Matthew 8:22)
- E. Forsaking pleasure. (Luke 14:27; Mark 10:45)
- F. Forsaking possessions. (Luke 14:33)
- G. Multiplication. (Acts 6:27)
- H. A continuing revelation from God. (Mark 4:34)
 - 1. Through his Word.
 - 2. Through his providences. (Psalm 111:2; 103:7)
 - 3. Through our own consciences.

Application questions:

1. Why is discipleship such a big deal?

2. What does it take to be a disciple?

3. Which main area would you identify as an area of personal growth in discipleship? What is your plan to grow in it?
