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50% of the workforce is made up of women. As women of Christ, we have a huge opportunity to share the gospel where God is not spoken about and not worshiped.

If you have put your trust in Jesus, you are called to be a disciple. Being a disciple is for all believers, not just the "spiritually elite."

disciple: one who is devoted to a person who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrine of that person.

Being devoted to Jesus means we will live our lives completely different from the rest of the world.

It can be complicated to be on mission wherever you are all the time, but the only reason it's hard and difficult is when you try to do it in your own power.

Being a disciple of Jesus is not hard when you are in an intimate relationship with Jesus.

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP?

Christian discipleship is a devotion to God and God alone, which means we are not devoted to ourselves.

You are either devoted to God or you are devoted to you. You can't be devoted to both.

You can't minimize the gospel to a cause. The gospel is everything and the only way, not merely a cause or an agenda.

The workplace disciple isn't forced; it's a natural response when you are devoted to God.

Christian discipleship is our calling as believers.

It's so easy to get wrapped up in "what our calling is." Everyone typically waits for a specific, individual calling, but we don't need to wait around for a job or calling. He's already given us one in Matthew 28:19-20.

"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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- Matthew 28:19-20

Being a disciple doesn't require any kind of training. It does require our obedience.

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There's no pass for being shy, quiet or introverted. We're all called to share the gospel.

A Christian disciple lives to do God's work.

When you wake up in the morning, you wake up thinking about doing the Lord's work, and you go to bed knowing everything you did that day was for Him.

If I'm living for any reason other than doing the work of God, something in my life is out of order.

THE MARKS OF A DISCIPLE

Discipleship in the workplace might be different in what you can say, but it doesn't look different in the way you behave.

1. Faithful Obedience

"To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." - John 8:31-32

Are you abiding in God's Word?

abide: resting in, clinging to, staying. Abiding is intimate, consistent, and constant.

God's Word doesn't need to merely become a matter of discipline, but desperately seeking what God has for you.

If your quiet time becomes something that you're checking off your list, you're going to be less sensitive to the Holy Spirit's prompting throughout the day.

If you are a devoted disciple, you need God in every step. Your quiet time will probably be more like quiet times.

Your time in God's Word should actually change your behavior and your heart.

Being a disciple of Jesus is a result of your salvation, not the result of your Bible knowledge.

Everyone who follows Christ is equipped to be a disciple.

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If Christians would just make it our priority to read our Bibles and do what it says, how much more of an impact would we make?

Bible literacy is incredibly important, but if it just reaches your head and not your hands, we are missing out on the purpose.

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." - James 1:22

The Bible is not merely a History book, but God's Holy Word.

2. Sacrificial Love

"When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." - John 13:31-35

It's no secret that we're called to love God and love others.

Some people are hard to love, but that doesn't change that loving others is important.

You must ask the Holy Spirit to give you His love to give to other people.

In our human flesh, it is impossible for us to love like Jesus loves.

When you feel empty, the Holy Spirit can fill you up, and it's merely a matter of asking Him to do it.

Asking Him to help us do this matters because we are known we are disciples by our love.

You don't earn the right to share Jesus with others by judging them; you earn the right through loving them.

Love precedes unity.

If you're lacking unity in an area of your life, more than likely, you're lacking love there too. It's hard not to be unified when you're loving someone sacrificially.

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3. Disciples Bear Fruit.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." - John 15:1-8

"An apple tree doesn't eat its own apples. In the same way, we don't bear spiritual fruit to benefit ourselves, but to benefit other people." - Jamie Caldwell

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." - Galatians 5:22-23

In your daily life, are you seen as someone who has love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control? Are you known for those things?

Disciples are needed in your workplace. Disciples are needed in the grocery store. Understand that being a disciple is an overflow of what God is doing in your heart.

People are the point.

Are you living to do the work of the Father? Is your perspective eternal?