

Resolved to Grow as Disciples

Assorted Texts | Andrew Belli

Thesis: Disciples of Christ must never be content to stagnate or stop growing in their maturity, but should resolve to be continually growing in their devotion to God, his Word, his people, and his mission to the lost.

I. Disciples Love the Lord

- A. See His Glory and Beauty and Your Need for Him (Lk 18:10–14; Isa 6:1–8)
- B. Trust and Follow Jesus (Rom 5:8–10)
- C. Devote Yourselves to Him
 - 1. In prayer (Rom 8:15; 12:12; Jer 29:12–13)
 - 2. By pursuing godliness (1 Tim 4:7; Heb 12:14)

II. Disciples Love God's Word

- A. Read It Regularly
 - 1. Have a plan
- B. Don't *Just* Read It (Prov 2:1–5)
 - 1. Meditate on it (Ps 1:2ff; 119)
 - 2. Study it (2 Tim 2:15)
 - 3. Obey it (Ezek 33:31; Lk 11:28; Rev 1:3)
- C. Sit Under Expository Preaching
 - 1. Be expository listeners (Heb 5:11–14; James 1:22–25)
 - 2. Learn in the context of fellowship (Prov 27:17; cf. Acts 17:11)

III. Disciples Love God's People

- A. Take Church Membership Seriously (cf. 1 Cor 12, etc.)
- B. Attend Consistently (Heb 10:24–25)
- C. Work to Serve and Build One Another Up (1 Cor 12:25; John 13:34–35; cf. Mk 10:45)
- D. Work for Unity in the Body (Matt 5:23–24; Rom 14:19)

IV. Disciples Love the Lost

- A. Be Gospel Ambassadors (2 Cor 5:17–6:3)
- B. Be Committed Disciplemakers (Matt 28:18–20)