

IN THESE VERSES JESUS IDENTIFIES SIX MARKS OF A TRUE DISCIPLE OF CHRIST A TRUE DISCIPLE OF JESUS IDENTIFIES WITH HIS MASTER HE FEARS GOD RATHER THAN THE WORLD HE CONFESSES THE LORD HE FORSAKES FAMILY HE FOLLOWS HIS CALL AND HE RECEIVES A REWARD

V24 A DISCIPLE IS A LEARNER HE IS BENEATH HIS TEACHER IN KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM A SLAVE IS BENEATH HIS MASTER IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STANDING A DISCIPLE WHO IS GENUINELY A DISCIPLE LEARNS FROM HIS TEACHER AND A SLAVE WHO IS GENUINELY A SLAVE OBEYS HIS MASTER THIS IS A PICTURE OF SUBMISSION

V25 IT IS ENOUGH FOR THE DISCIPLE THAT HE BECOME LIKE HIS TEACHER AND THE SLAVE LIKE HIS MASTER WE ARE BEING CONFORMED TO HIS IMAGE THE FUNCTION OF DISCIPLESHIP IS CLEARLY STATED IN THE GREAT COMMISSION TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I COMMANDED YOU **MATT 28:20** A DISCIPLE BECOMES LIKE CHRIST WHEN HE LEARNS AND OBEYS SCRIPTURE

THE LOGICAL RESULT OF BEING LIKE CHRIST IS BEING TREATED LIKE CHRIST IF THEY CALLED THE HEAD OF THE HOUSE BEELZEBUL HOW MUCH MORE WILL THEY MALIGN THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD

MATT 9:34 THE PHARISEES WERE SAYING HE CAST OUT DEMONS BY THE RULER OF DEMONS JESUS ANSWERS THEM IN **MATT 12:24-29** HE CAST OUT DEMONS BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD THEN THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME UPON YOU

V26 A TRUE DISCIPLE OF CHRIST NOT ONLY IMITATES HIS MASTER BUT IS ALSO NOT AFRAID OF THE WORLD THREE TIMES IN THESE SIX VERSES JESUS SAYS DO NOT FEAR JESUS WILL EVENTUALLY MAKE EVERYTHING RIGHT THERE IS NOTHING CONCEALED THAT WILL NOT BE REVEALED OR HIDDEN THAT WILL NOT BE KNOWN

V27 WHAT THE LORD HAS REVEALED IN THE DARKNESS SPEAK IN THE LIGHT AND WHAT YOU HEARD WHISPERED IN YOUR EAR PROCLAIM UPON THE HOUSETOPS WE NEED TO PROCLAIM THE TRUTH BOLDLY

V28 DO NOT FEAR THOSE WHO KILL THE BODY THE HARM THEY DO IS ONLY TEMPORARY WE SHOULD FEAR HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DESTROY BOTH SOUL AND BODY IN HELL THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE VALUES HIS SOUL MORE THAN HIS BODY JIM ELLIOT PUT IT THIS WAY HE IS NO FOOL WHO GIVES UP WHAT HE CANNOT KEEP TO GAIN WHAT HE CANNOT LOSE

V29 A TRUE DISCIPLE IS VALUABLE TO GOD ARE NOT TWO SPARROWS SOLD FOR A CENT AND YET NOT ONE OF THEM WILL FALL TO THE GROUND APART FROM YOUR FATHER

V30-31 BUT THE VERY HAIRS OF YOUR HEAD ARE ALL NUMBERED THE LORD LOVES AND CHERISHES THOSE WHO BELONG TO HIM HE KNOWS US INTIMATELY HE KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT US WE ARE MORE VALUABLE TO HIM THAN MANY SPARROWS FEAR AND FAITH CANNOT DWELL IN THE SAME HEART

MATT 6:30 IF GOD SO ARRAYS THE GRASS OF THE FIELD WHICH IS ALIVE TODAY AND TOMORROW IS THROWN INTO THE FURNACE WILL HE NOT MUCH MORE DO FOR YOU O MEN OF LITTLE FAITH

HIS DISCIPLES WERE NOT TO FEAR MEN BUT GOD DO YOU TRUST GOD WITH YOUR LIFE ARE YOU TRUSTING IN HIS WILL OR YOURS HE USES TRUTH AND TRIALS TO GROW US UP IN OUR FAITH

ARE YOU LIVING YOUR LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF ETERNITY OR ARE YOU LIVING FOR THE TEMPORARY THINGS OF THIS WORLD ARE YOU STORING UP YOUR TREASURES IN HEAVEN OR ON EARTH

YOU CAN'T LIVE FOR BOTH YOU ARE EITHER LIVING FOR THIS WORLD OR THE ONE TO COME YOUR LIFE REVEALS WHAT YOUR FAITH IS IN HIS KINGDOM OR YOURS

DO YOU KNOW WHO IS IN CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE DO YOU GIVE HIM THE GLORY HE DESERVES DO YOU ACKNOWLEDGE HIM IN ALL YOUR WAYS MAY THE LORD GRANT YOU THE GRACE TO TRUST HIM IN THIS LIFE AND FOR ETERNITY