

# Student Discipleship Leader S.K.I.L.L. Lesson # 2

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## Student Discipleship: Marks of a Disciple

*Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this age, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.*

*Romans 12:1-2 (HCSB)*

We can't measure spiritual growth by the amount of **knowledge** we have gained, but by how our lives have been **changed!** Our goal is not more **INFORMATION**, but a **TRANSFORMATION!**

Romans 12:2 reminds us that this process comes by the “renewing of our minds”—we must trade old ways of thinking for the new. This transformation begins at salvation, and continues throughout our lives as we are confronted with the truth of God’s Word.

When we see transformation—not information—as our spiritual goal, we can begin to evaluate our own spiritual growth. Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade, said a disciple is “*someone who loves God with all his heart, soul, and mind, and tries to become more and more like him through a life of faith and obedience.*”

### **Evaluate Your Progress: The Marks of a Disciple**

There should be some obvious evidences in our life that show we are becoming more like Christ.

**Some marks of a disciple include:**

➤ **Assurance of salvation**

**Are you confident enough in your salvation to be able to share your faith?**

*I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13 (HCSB)*

➤ **Fruit of the Holy Spirit**

**Is the fruit of the Spirit being developed in your life daily?**

*<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, we must also follow the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-25 (HCSB)*

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➤ **Showing love for God and others**

Is love for God evident in the way you treat others?

<sup>37</sup> He said to him, “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.** <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and most important commandment. <sup>39</sup> The second is like it: **Love your neighbor as yourself.**” Matthew 22:37-39 (HCSB)

➤ **A diligent student of the Word of God**

Do you know how to study and share God’s Word?

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who doesn’t need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 (HCSB)

➤ **A vibrant prayer life**

Do you practice regular prayer in your daily life?

Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 (HCSB)

➤ **Obedience to God’s Word**

Are you living in obedience to what you have learned in the scriptures?

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. John 14:23 (HCSB)

➤ **A lifestyle witness**

Are you sharing a positive witness for Christ through words and actions?

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20 (HCSB)

➤ **Investing in the local church**

Do you use your gifts in service through the church?

And let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not staying away from our meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25 (HCSB)

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## Listening Guide

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**We can't measure spiritual growth by the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ we have gained, but by how we have \_\_\_\_\_! What do we need? Not more \_\_\_\_\_, but a \_\_\_\_\_!**

### Evaluate Your Progress: Do You Show The Marks of a Disciple?

There should be some obvious evidences in our life that show we are becoming more like Christ.

#### Some marks of a disciple include:

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 5:13)

Are you confident enough in your \_\_\_\_\_ to be able to share your faith?

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal. 5:22-25)

Is the fruit of the Spirit being \_\_\_\_\_ in your life daily?

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 22:37-39)

Is love for God evident in the way you \_\_\_\_\_?

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim 2:15)

Do you know how to \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word?

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil 4:6-7)

Do you practice \_\_\_\_\_ in your daily life?

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:23)

Are you living in \_\_\_\_\_ to what you have learned in the scriptures?

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 28:19-20)

Are you sharing a positive \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ through words and actions?

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 10:24-25)

Do you use your gifts in \_\_\_\_\_ through the church?