

Being a Disciple

2 Pet 1:11 — The eternal kingdom. This is the kingdom that we are working for. It says the entrance will be abundantly supplied — we'll be richly welcomed one day. Everything we do is to bring that kingdom about. If you're in the 1000-year kingdom will you be in the forever kingdom? Yes. So if you're in the next age it's the eternal kingdom.

To enter the next age there has to be a work done in our life. When the work's done, the end being love, we'll be like Yahshua. 2 Pet 1:5-7 is what we have to attain to. Verse 8 — For if these qualities are yours and are increasing ... we have to add to our faith — we have to trust in the blood, that our sins have transferred off us onto Him (then they are gone totally).

To our faith *we must add goodness*, making every effort to do this. To our goodness, knowledge, to knowledge, self-control, to self-control, perseverance, in your perseverance you become like God — coming into His image and likeness — godliness. In Genesis it says man was made in the likeness of God. When you saw Adam before the fall you saw what God was like. The second Adam was Yahshua — so we know what God is like because we know Yahshua.

In your godliness show brotherly kindness. Our Father's intention towards man is always kindness. When we come to that point of having *ahavah* love in our heart our intention towards our brothers is always kindness. To your brotherly kindness, love. *The end is love*, the full likeness of God. If these qualities are yours and are increasing (Dt 29:29 — they belong to you and can't be taken away), they will keep you from being useless (ineffective and unproductive). We are called to be *effective* (producing the proper result, fit for duty) and *productive* (producing good fruit). Productive — fertile, creative, producing profits, increasing in quantity, quality and value.

Jn 15:8 — *By this my Father is glorified that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.* Jn 8:31 — We must abide in His word to be effective and productive. If you're not effective and productive you're not going to have an effect on anybody else or the world. The only way to tell an apple tree is by the fruit. It's the same with a disciple. What is the fruit of a disciple? Effectiveness and productiveness. There are no unproductive disciples.

2 Pet 1:8-9 — If you don't have these you're nearsighted, you can't see further than your nose. If you're not producing verses 5-8 you've forgotten that you were forgiven. You become unproductive and ineffective. If you remember that you were forgiven you are productive and effective.

2 Pet 1:10 — Make your calling more certain, as you practice these things you won't stumble. 2 Pet 1:11 — Further, you'll be richly welcomed into His kingdom.

Verse 11 speaks of the next age. Eph 3:21 speaks of the never ending age. This is why you were chosen. (We've always heard he couldn't do it without us. That's true.) Chosen — selected as the most desirable, taken by preference. You're a disciple because you're chosen. Chosen means we were chosen from the very beginning for a special purpose (Eph 1:4).

He told Abraham Gen 17:1. Is He powerful enough to see Eph 1:4 through? Yes. Before the universe was even thought of we were chosen to reign with Him in the next age and the age to come. Does that make you want to hold onto your hidden sin? Eph 2:6 This is where we're seated.

Eph 1:11 — we've obtained an inheritance, chosen, predestined, verse 4. Can anyone comprehend being predestined? It is like a desired, sought for child whose care and attention and discipline of his parents predestines him to be what they want him to be.

He called us to be disciples of his Son. A disciple is one who *accepts, obeys and follows* the teacher. He is an adherent, he sticks to a person or teaching. A disciple of Messiah is a constant attendant to Messiah. A disciple obeys the teaching. If you love him you'll abide in the word. A disciple lives on every word that comes out of his mouth. He therefore obeys every word Yahshua speaks. A disciple not only obeys every word, he knows every word Yahshua speaks.

Acts 3:23,22 — How does the Stem give heed? By discipline. A disciple is disciplined by the Holy Spirit so he'll obey the word. He disciplines us because he's our Father and a Father disciplines his sons. Jn 8:32 — to be truly

set free you'll be set free by the word. The only way we can be set free is by abiding in his word. Everybody, to a degree, is in bondage until the word sets us free. Sometimes we're held in bondage by our sins, or sometimes by our inclinations — to be silent, to think the worst about someone — preventing you from doing what is in your heart. We're in bondage until the word sets us free.

Pr 1:1-6 shows us proverbs are for discipline. They discipline us and our children. A disciple knows the proverbs and trains his children in them. Heb 12:6 — *For those whom He loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives. Whom He receives He welcomes home. We welcome them back in the family, like we do our children. He disciplines those who are going to be welcomed home by Him, those whom He's chosen.* Heb 12:7 — For discipline you endure. Discipline changes you. This generation is untoward (going away from) Him. We repent at baptism and come *toward* Him. A son is disciplined by his father. If you weren't disciplined by your father you were illegitimate (verses 7-8). Verses 9-10 so that we may share in his holiness. Verse 11 — it produces the peaceful fruit. The disciple's discipline is not joyful but he's trained by it and he's productive (Jn 8:31).

Lk 14:26 is the requirement of a disciple; put aside not hate. *Lk 14:26-33 is what a disciple really means.*

Acts 4:32 — Not one kept anything because they were disciples of one heart and one mind. They were chosen to rule over all the works of His hand. Disciples are trained for the new heaven and the new earth. When we know this we don't mind hardship, dishes, working, not working. What else? To be just like Yahshua. They don't mind suffering because it makes us just like Yahshua. Like Him, we learn obedience through suffering. Eph 4:11-12 — These brothers equip the saints for the works of service — productively and effectively building up the Body of Messiah (verses 13-16).

We're equipped to do works of service, attain unity, come to a full knowledge of Messiah. We're stable, can't be tricked. We're all the time speaking the truth in love and when all of us are doing this then...

Mt 28:18-20 — We're to make disciples of all the nations. What would happen if we did this? There would be a company of peoples, a community of peoples (Gen 28:3). This was the purpose of Jacob. We live in the age of Jacob. How shall we do this? El Shaddai. Our purpose is to be the community of peoples of Gen 28:3.

Our Father knew this was going to happen so He broke every possible barrier between peoples. He chose Jacob to show the whole world Yahshua's mighty power. This will only be done by disciples, productive, effective disciples.

We weren't chosen by our righteous deeds. Gen 18:19 — For I have chosen him. Chosen and known is the same word in Hebrew. Known — have the understanding or direct cognition of, to understand that nature of. We were the same way. This is called infinite foreknowledge.

Discipline isn't doing this and that, it changes you into his image, this is what welcomes you home, this image is what will fill the earth.

You find out who truly is a disciple — he encourages and supports his brothers and sisters.