

Decision, Discipline, Devotion

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I. Introduction.

- A. If you have never asked Christ into your life—you can ask Him right now to forgive you.
- B. How to be a better disciple. (Luke 9)

II. Jesus and the multitudes.

- A. Great multitudes followed Jesus, but he limited them by stating the demands of discipleship.
 - 1. The multitudes would eventually turn on Him. He was not interested in the multitudes.
 - 2. Jesus was out recruiting for “a few good [people].”

III. Decision. We need a basic decision that will focus our lives.

- A. The big decision is following after Christ.
- B. You make a decision to live with Christ. (Revelation 3:20)
- C. Like marriage there is a giving of oneself to each other. This is surrender. (Romans 12:1)
- D. In this decision, Jesus is made the chief person.

IV. Discipline. This is integrating your life—your activities.

- A. The big decision is followed by many little decisions.
- B. Because you love someone you try to understand that person.
- C. Discipline is channeled by choices consistently.
- D. A disciplined life is focused.
- E. You say no to this and yes to Christ.
- F. What is God asking you to stop to make room for what He wants you to start?

V. Devotion. This personalizes your relationship.

- A. This is about being a follower of a wonderful Person—Jesus Christ.
- B. We are not living with an image—this personal relationship warms everything up.

Application questions.

1. Why did Jesus seem to show little concern for the multitudes?

2. What is discipline? What does this look like in everyday life?

3. What does devotion mean to you? How does the personal nature of one's relationship with Jesus Christ make a difference to you?
