

A DOZEN GOOD REASONS FOR BECOMING A DISCIPLE.

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To find out what Yeshua is like in order to become more like Him:

If I then, [your] Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. John 13:14-17

To increase your knowledge of the credentials of the Scriptures and of Yeshua:

I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me. Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am [He]. John 13:18-19 (See also John 14:29)

To learn the what and the how of becoming more loving:

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all [men] know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 13:34-35 (See also John 17:25-26)

To increase your understanding of our new status and destiny of Children of God:

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also. John 14:1-3

To increase your understanding of who God is and what He is like:

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou [then], Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. John 14:6-10

To discover the ways and means of super-natural living so that in our daily lives we may experience and express the pleasant difference that God makes:

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. John 14:12

To present opportunities for answered prayer by making our requests known to God:

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do [it]. John 14:13-14

To develop an understanding of the way in which God wants us to live, that we might obey Him and have more intimate fellowship with Him:

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; [Even] the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I [am] in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. John 14:15-21 see also 23-24

To live spiritually fruitful lives:

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandmanAbide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye [are] the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. John 15:1, 4-5

To increase our joy:

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and [that] your joy might be full. John 15:11

To be prepared to recognize and deal with hindrances to our spiritual lives:

If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before [it hated] you....If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you.... But when the Comforter is come....he shall testify of me. And ye also shall bear witness...These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended (made to stumble). John 15:18 – 16:1

To increase our peace:

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33