



When it comes to the steps in our vision, each one **builds** on the others to move us through life in Christ. But if we stop living in an earlier step, the sequential ones will eventually **fall apart**.

A disciple must first and always **worship Jesus** because everything else we do in life in Christ is responding to who He is and what He has done, which is worship when our focus is on Him.

John 8:30-32 – “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples...”

“You will know the truth...”

John 18:33-38
Roman 1:18
John 14:6

When it comes to the teachings of Jesus, not just His spoken words, but His written Word, disciples are still defined by their grip on **His truth**.

Truth is **God’s** perspective on what is **real**; and God’s perspective on what is real is found in God’s written Word.

Psalm 119; Matthew 5:19-20; Hebrew 4:12-13; Colossians 2:17

Biblical truth is *the* relevant message for **any** culture. It is already **relevant** because of what it is, not because of our opinion about it.

Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3

Doctrine is life. It is what shows us how to **think** rightly and therefore to **act** rightly so that we are blessed by God.

We must stop pretending that Christians can grow **without** Bible study.

[2 Cor. 10:3-5; 1 Tim. 6:12; James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; 1 Tim. 1:18; 1 Pet 2:11; John 16:33; Rom. 8:35-39; James 4:4; Phil. 1:29-30; 2 Tim. 4:7]

Scripture is saying that Jesus wants us to know His Word so that we understand that we are in a **battle** for the souls of mankind.
Ephesians 6:13-18

The Bible is the truth of God and when we do things according to it, the truth of God **changes** peoples’ lives.

“The truth will set you **free**.”

Colossians 2:8

The continuous pursuit of truth in the disciple’s life is the battle for **freedom**. And the greatest aspect of the freedom that the truth of Jesus provides in the life of a disciples is the freedom to absolutely **love** God.

Matthew 22:37

To love God as a disciple is to endeavor to **know** Him. Because the more you know God, the more you fall in love with Him.

We cannot truthfully claim to **love** God, we cannot claim to be disciples, without wanting to know Jesus more and more **through** His truth.

John 17:3

- 1) Confess the areas of your life where you have taken His Word for granted and taken His truth way too lightly.
- 2) Ask the Holy Spirit to reset your mindset in life on the reality of the battle for truth being waged all around you.
- 3) Commit to love this God you claim as Savior with all your mind and invite Him to show you what you need to change today to begin to do that.