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THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
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Introduction Jesus said to his disciples; “go, make my disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teach them to observe what I command you, and I will be with you always until the end of the world ". This sentence, which has become almost the magna carta of every Christian, is a daily questioning of each of us, in the sense that it always reminds us that at each level of our Christianity, we are disciples, with a specific mission. In the pages that follow, we present here an exposition and an exhortation of the people of God who seem to forget this statutory principle which every Christian must internalize.

Chapter I. Discipleship to Make Disciples What is a follower? If, asking yourself the question, you opened a dictionary, you will have learned that a disciple is a pupil; it is the meaning of the Latin *discipulus* which is at the origin of our word disciple. A disciple says again the dictionary, is a person who receives the teaching of a master. The disciples of Jesus Christ are his pupils, the gospels recount some of their experiences. For twenty centuries, the disciples of Jesus have not ceased to be in the school of their master. To declare oneself a Christian is to profess to believe and follow Jesus. In the relativistic world in which we live, it is absolutely essential that every Christian be clear about the implication of such a statement. Jesus states very clearly the conditions to be fulfilled in order to be his disciple: "if anyone comes to me, without preferring me to his father, to his mother, to his wife, to his children, to his brothers, and to his sisters, and even to his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

And whoever does not carry his cross, and does not follow me, cannot be my disciple. (...)

Therefore whoever among you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple”

LUKE 14:26 -27, 33 Between verses 27 and 33, Jesus gives two significant examples: that of the man who, before building, calculates the cost, and that of the king who, before engaging in combat, examines the balance of power of the troops present.

: they both emphasize the need to be clear about the price to pay to be a disciple. Chapter 2: Being a Disciple of Jesus Christ Jesus speaks the truth, he never deludes those who listen to him. To be his disciple comes at a high price. It is nothing less than giving up everything to follow him; it is plain and clear; we must know it and remember it. The disciple must put his master first and put his family and other things second. He must give up everything he owns, even his own life. He must take up his cross every day and thus follow his master. Being a disciple of Jesus Christ is anything but easy! If you don't see what he's done, you're not going to follow such a master. Jesus never preached easy. The high price he paid for it before telling us.

Existing in the form of God, he did not consider it a prey to be snatched from being equal with God, but stripped himself, taking on the form of a servant, becoming like men; and having appeared as a mere man, he humbled himself, making himself obedient unto death on the cross Phil 2:6-8. A shameful death. Did he not humble himself to lift us up? Before calling us to renounce everything, the son renounced his glory, he left his father, he became a simple man and became obedient until death. His cross, meeting place between the holy God and sinful man, is the door that gives access to the path of life, a narrow and straight path, the only one that allows those who take it to come to the father, according to what Jesus said: John 14:6 Every disciple is called to follow the model of our Lord Jesus to serve well and be a model for others. To be a follower of Jesus Christ is to leave the broad and easy way. That the human being automatically traces himself, to embark on the narrow and straight path which goes from the cross to the father. It is to be constantly vigilant not to deviate from it, to put a cross on the world and to know that we are crucified for it, to firmly hold the promise of God, to live only for him and by him the pupil that we are called to be is never more than his master; his sufferings are also our lot, they are unavoidable, but for the disciple as for the master, they precede the glory Romans 8:18.

In reflecting on the price to pay to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, we should remember what he said at the end of the Sermon on the Mount: “those who say to me: Lord, Lord! Not all will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my father who is in heaven.

Matt7:21. Impossible to be a disciple on the cheap! If our actions are not in accordance with the will of the father, there is only one solution: repent and obey. Every accomplished Disciple will be like his Master. A disciple cannot be superior to his master but can be equal to his master. Luke6:40 Characteristics of a Disciple. Jesus Christ is: 1. Holy 2. Light 3. Love Duties: A disciple is called to gradually imitate his master to do exactly what Christ did. Galatians 6:17 2Con 4:40: bears the mark of Jesus.

For an accomplished disciple must be filled with the holy spirit, hear, hear, obey, practice, vision, (save souls), passion of souls How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace. Essaie58:7

N.B Bring souls every day to be zealous, Word and prayer. Read the Bible every day and pray a lot. A Disciple Facing His Work Introduction: God sent Jesus to earth but he did not work alone, but he had to train disciples who would work with him in the harvest of God Luke 19:10. And, if necessary, continue his work, as we said in our introduction. This work is to seek and save those who are lost. That is, winning souls. Matt 9:36. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Ex: Our families, our neighborhoods and wherever we are Isaiah 6:1-2. 1 What a disciple should be before beginning his work.

1. Purification of sins
2. Confession of sins
3. Total consecration to God

Chapter 3: MAKING DISCIPLES

To be a disciple of Jesus Christ, what we are called to do: to make disciples is the mission that Jesus Christ has entrusted to us; "Go, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you always , until the end of the world" (Matt28:19-20) For twenty centuries, the proof has been made, it is necessary to be a disciple of Jesus Christ to make disciples of Jesus Christ. When this condition is not met, it is certainly possible to make disciples, but they are the disciples of a man, a movement or a

sect. Ex the fanatics of the pastor, the ideology to support the vision of the pastor and not of Jesus. Acts8:

Today, non-governmental organizations have largely replaced missions. We leave with them for a few months or a few years, providing material, technical and economic assistance that is appreciated. The enterprise is certainly commendable, but it lacks the essential. The gospel; for only Jesus Christ makes man a new creature. Our contemporaries need more than ever to know Jesus Christ. It is the only path that connects man to God, the truth that unmask utopias and frees occult bonds, The abundant and inexhaustible life to which every human being aspires. Our only reason for being in this world without being of this world, is to reflect Jesus Christ through our lives, to be the scent of the well-loved son of the father among the men he loved so much. Conclusion Throughout our presentation, we have spoken of these characteristics that the disciples that we are must take on. However, we must keep in mind this: To make disciples of all nations is to work with Jesus Christ who operates in us, with us and through us, to meet, welcome and teach those whom he places on our path. My deep desire is to see the missionary vocation that the Lord addressed to us flourish again. Let's recognize that we are more preoccupied with our little problems than with things that concern the kingdom of God. Instead of expanding, we have ourselves.

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