

A GENUINE DISCIPLE, PART 2
(Matthew 10:32-42)

- I. Confesses the LORD (Matt. 10:32-33)
 - A. PUBLICLY identifies with CHRIST (Rom. 1:16; 10:9-10; 1 John 4:15)
 - 1. Boldly AFFIRMS that Christ is Lord
 - 2. Personally EMBRACES Christ as Lord
 - B. ETERNALLY identified as CHRIST'S
 - C. Does not DENY Christ under PRESSURE
 - 1. By PUBLIC renunciation of the LORD
 - 2. Through PASSIVE identification with the WORLD
 - D. Will not be ultimately DISAVOWED by Christ (cf. 7:16-23)

- II. Forsakes His FAMILY (Matt. 10:34-37)
 - A. Will provoke DIVISION
 - 1. The gospel PROVIDES peace between the HOLY GOD and SINFUL MAN (John 14:27a; 16:33a)
 - 2. The gospel PROMOTES peace in HUMAN relationships
 - 3. Sinful man RESPONDS with REJECTION (John 14:27b; 16:33b)

- B. Will make love for CHRIST his PRIORITY (cf. Micah 7:6)
 - 1. Even when rejected by his PARENTS, IN-LAWS, and CHILDREN
 - 2. Unswayed by ANY INFLUENCE

III. Offers His LIFE (Matt. 10:38-39)

- A. Will “take his CROSS” and FOLLOW Christ
 - 1. Not merely the HARDSHIPS and TRAGEDIES of life
 - 2. Not a MYSTICAL identification with the cross of CHRIST
 - 3. But WILLINGLY sacrificing EVERYTHING for Christ
- B. Will SURRENDER temporal life to FIND eternal life

IV. Receives His REWARD (Matt. 10:40-42)

- A. Those who PROCLAIM the gospel REPRESENT Christ
- B. Those who receive CHRIST also receive HIS FATHER
- C. Those who accept the GOSPEL also accept the MESSENGER
 - 1. The LEAST believer can share the blessing of the GREATEST
 - 2. The GREATEST believer will aid the most INSIGNIFICANT
 - 3. No one’s work for CHRIST will go UNREWARDED