

PICTURE OF A DISCIPLE

Doing results in Becoming. Taking Faith Steps results in becoming a Disciple of Jesus Christ. Below is a list of what makes up a disciple of Jesus based on God's Word. Think of it as a Picture of a Disciple.

CHAMPION OF DISCIPLE MAKING

Personal, active and passionate participation in both evangelism and helping others go deeper in their faith as well as being a voice to encourage other Christians to actively and passionately participate in both is necessary. (Matthew 28:18-20)

LOVER OF THE WORD

To love God is to love His Word. (Psalm 19:7-11)

AWED BY GOD

Too often we are awed by what does not deserve awe. (Psalm 95:6)

MODEL OF CHARACTER

Being what is honorable in the sight of God and man in public and private is the aim. (2 Corinthians 8:21)

SHEPHERD OF CARE

Caring for others personally and being a voice for care of others to happen is core. (1 John 3:17-18)

WARRIOR OF PRAYER

Prayer is displayed dependence. (Colossians 4:2)

INSPECTOR OF CULTURE

We cannot know how to navigate culture and carry out our mission to enjoy God and make the name of Jesus famous if we are not inspecting it (Luke 12:56)

GRACIOUS IN SPEECH

One's speech is a massive indicator of what is on one's mind and heart. (James 3:5)

LOVER OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

We cannot love God and not love His Church, even with its flaws. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

STANDER FOR TRUTH

Passivity when it comes to the truth, will not do. (Ephesians 6:13)

For more specifics, see "Changed from the Inside Out".

CHANGED FROM THE INSIDE OUT

(Adapted from Word of Life)

PUT OFF

Anger (Proverbs 29:22)
Bitterness (Hebrews 12:15)
Bodily Harm (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
Cheating (2 Corinthians 4:2)
Complaining (Philippians 2:14)
Covetousness (Luke 12:15)
Disrespect for Authority (Acts 23:5)
Evil Speaking (James 4:11)
Gossip (1 Timothy 5:13)
Laziness (Proverbs 20:4)
Lying (Ephesians 4:25)
Irreverent babble (2 Timothy 2:16)
Pride (Proverbs 16:5)
Profanity (Proverbs 4:24)
Pornography/sexual sin (Psalm 101:3;
Matthew 5:28, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
Rebellion (1 Samuel 15:23)
Selfish ambition (Philippians 2:3-4)
Stealing (Ephesians 4:28)
Ungratefulness (Romans 1:21)
Worldly Entertainment (Proverbs 21:17)
Worry/Fear (Matthew 6:31-32)
Wrong Friends (Psalm 1:1)

PUT ON

Self-control (Galatians 5:22-23)
Tenderhearted (Ephesians 4:32)
Glorify God with your Body (1 Cor 6:19-20)
Honesty (Proverbs 28:18)
Praise (Hebrews 13:15)
Contentment (Hebrews 13:5)
Honor Authority (Hebrews 13:17)
Good Report (Proverbs 15:30)
Edifying Speech (Ephesians 4:29)
Diligence (Proverbs 6:6-11)
Speaking Truth (Ephesians 4:25)
Proclaiming the Gospel (Mark 16:15)
Humility (James 4:6)
Pure Speech (Proverbs 15:4)
Pure thoughts/Glorify God with your body
(Philippians 4:8; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
Submission (Ephesians 5; Hebrews 13:17)
Putting others first (Philippians 2:3-4)
Working/Giving (Ephesians 4:28)
Gratefulness (Ephesians 5:20)
Spiritual Pursuits (Galatians 5:16)
Trust (1 Peter 5:7)
Godly Friends (Proverbs 13:20)

Notes:

- The “PUT OFF” list represents the corruption of sin; the old man Christians are called to get rid of.
- The “PUT ON” list comes through repentance, belief in and following Jesus. As we submit to and abide in Christ by taking Faith Steps through the power of the Holy Spirit, our lives look more and more like the “PUT ON” list. Everything on the “PUT ON” list falls inside of one of the 10 characteristics listed on the Picture of a Disciple document.
- The “PUT ON” list is the lane of worship, joy and blessing.
- The “PUT ON” list is God’s Way. Objectively, our world works best when the “PUT ON” list is practiced. With that being the case, the One whose way it is, is worthy of our trust and obedience.
- If someone has something against Christianity, it might be because they haven’t seen the “PUT ON” list lived out.
- The lists above are not exhaustive.