

EASILY RECOGNIZABLE

JOHN 13:35

By This Shall All Men know that you are my
disciples if you have love one another.

JOHN 13:13-14 NLT

[Jesus told his disciples,] "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other.

Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples."

ACTS 4:13

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

Why aren't Christians seen as loving people?

What should love look like? How can we become more effective in showing love to our fellowman? Jesus said Christians should be easily recognizable by their love for one another.

A woman with long dark hair is shown in profile, looking upwards with her hands clasped in prayer. The background is a blurred image of a group of people, also appearing to be in prayer, with their hands raised. The entire image is overlaid with a blue tint. The text 'Authentic Discipleship' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font across the center-right of the image.

Authentic Discipleship



Seven Differences Between a Believer and a Disciple:

**1. The believer looks to the cross. The
disciple takes up his cross.**

2. The believer obeys God when it's convenient. A disciple obeys regardless of the outcome.

**3. A believer decides once. A disciple
decides daily.**

4. Believers focus on eternal life (getting to heaven). Disciples focus on eternal rewards (bringing heaven).

5. A believer prays when things get tough. A disciple prays regardless of the circumstances.

6. A believer sees the church as a service to attend. A disciple sees himself as the church.

7. A believer receives Jesus Christ. A disciple represents Jesus Christ.



Six Marks of Authentic Discipleship:

1. Authentic Discipleship is marked by Transformation.

GALATIANS 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

**“Christianity is not about
behavior modification but
heart transformation.”**

**2. Authentic Discipleship is marked by our
Love for God.**

MATTHEW 22:37-38

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.”

**“We love others best when
we love God most.”**

**3. Authentic Discipleship is marked by our
Love for others.**

JOHN 13:34-35

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

**4. Authentic Discipleship is marked by
Obedience.**

JOHN 14:23

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves Me will obey My teaching. My Father will love them, and We will come to them and make Our home with them."

**5. Authentic Discipleship is marked by
Meaning, Purpose and Priority.**

MATTHEW 6:33

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

**6. Authentic Discipleship is marked by
Fruitfulness.**

JOHN 15:8

“This is to My Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples.”

**“The only way to be fruitful
for God is if your heart is His
garden.”**

**How far are you willing to go
to be identified as an
authentic disciple?**