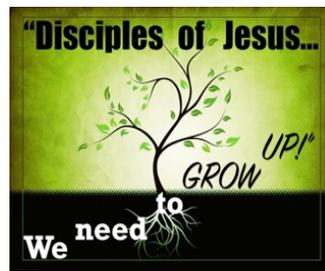


“Disciples of Jesus ... We need to GROW UP!”



Part 3: “Quiet time ... personal time with ‘Abba’”

Psalm 1:1-3; John 15:1-11

Introduction: **John 15:1-8** ... “Abide in me, and I in you. ... By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples” (vss. 4,8).

Romans 8:15: “... you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons by whom we cry, ‘Abba,’ Father!”

Our Father in heaven created you for fellowship with Him.

Disciples of Jesus grow and bear fruit by spending time in fellowship with our Father in heaven!

How do you GROW into a mature disciple of Jesus? It comes down to what you KNOW! So what do you know?

I. I know “Abba” and I want to be in His presence ...

Through the work of His Spirit within us, believers have been brought into the “fellowship,” the “oneness” that Jesus has with the Father.

“Abide” has to do with location. It means “to stay, to remain, to continue” in the same place.

Desiring “quiet time” begins with knowing the Father and wanting to be in His presence.

Psalm 63:1; Jeremiah 29:12-13: “... You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart!” (Jeremiah 29:13).

Psalm 73:25,28: “Whom have I in heaven but YOU? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you ... for me it is good to be near God ...”

Colossians 3:1-4: “... Seek the things that are above ... Set your minds on things that are above ...” (vss. 1-2).

Look for a quiet TIME, but know that you can “quiet” your heart and your mind at any time and at any place by setting your mind on things above!

Psalm 46:1,10-11: “Be still, and know that I am God! ... The LORD of hosts is with us”

I John 1:1-4 ... You and I who believe live in His presence every moment!!

II. I know I have access to the Father ...

This is why the Gospel needs to be proclaimed and lived out in the Church!

John 15:1-3: “Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you” (vs. 3).

Hebrews 12:5-11: “... the Lord disciplines the one He loves” (vs. 6).

As a beloved child you always have access to “Abba!”

Romans 5:1-2: “Since we HAVE BEEN justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith ...”

Romans 8:1, 31-39: “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ... For I am sure that neither death nor life ... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!!!” (vss. 1,38-39).

Guilt keeps more people at a distance from God than anything else.

Psalm 103:8-12: “... as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us” (vs. 12).

III. I know there is pleasure in “quiet time” with “Abba” ...

Psalm 1:1-3: “Blessed is the man ...” (vs. 1)

John 15:9-11: “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full!” (vs. 11).

John 15:12-17; Matthew 6:19-21: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21).

Psalm 121:1-8: “I lift up my eyes ... My help comes from the LORD ...” (vss. 1-2).