

HALLMARKS OF A DISCIPLE

Worship

Disciples are gripped by God's love, transformed by His grace, and know His power for Spirit-filled living.

- 1** I have received and trust in the forgiving love of God in Christ. I worship and love God above all things, and marvel at His continuing grace upon my life. I seek to follow Jesus, abide in Him, and tell others about Him.
John 3:16; 1 John 1:9; Matt 22:37-38; Matt 4:19
(Gratitude to God, abiding in Christ, grace-filled living)
- 2** I long for God's presence and a deep relationship with Him. In worship and constant prayer, and by practicing spiritual disciplines, I am attentive to God and able to sense His promptings and guidance and to draw strength to follow Him.
Ps 42:1; Matt 6:9-13; 1 Thess 5:16-18
(Relationship with God and reliance on Him)
- 3** I experience the empowering presence and transforming power of the Holy Spirit in my life, such that I am victorious in Christ, no longer a slave to sinful habits, and constantly seek to grow the fruit of the Holy Spirit.
Gal 5:1; Rom 8:12-13, 37; Gal 5:22-23
(Spirit-filled living)

Word

Disciples are formed by, and form others according to, God's truths.

- 4** I delight in obeying the Word of God and place myself under its power and authority, allowing it to shape my life and reality. I find comfort and hope in it, and share its truths with others.
Ps 119; Ps 1:1-3
(Desire for the Word and dependence on it)
- 5** I stand firm in the truths of God's Word and am ready to explain the reason for my hope in Christ.
1 Pet 3:15
(Understanding of the Word and confidence in defending its truths)
- 6** I delight in God's plans for my life and the world, and am aligned to His will. I take my stand against the devil's schemes and remain watchful and single-minded in purpose, so that I am ready for Christ's return.
Rom 12:2; Phil 1:9-11; Matt 25:13; Eph 6:10-13
(Discernment, alignment with God, and spiritual readiness)

Welcome

Disciples love, serve, and grow spiritually alongside the people in their families and churches.

- 7** I love everyone with the love of Christ in thought, word, and deed, forgiving others as Christ has forgiven me.
Matt 22:39-40; Matt 5:44-45; 1 John 3:18
(Genuine love for others)
- 8** I disciple others, whether formally or informally, by sharing and living out God's truths, encouraging them in their Christian walk, and correcting them in love.
Matt 28:18-20; 2 Tim 4:2
(Intentional discipling)
- 9** I desire mutual spiritual growth through intentional relationships centred on Christ. This happens through the practice of building one another up, carrying each other's burdens, mutual accountability, and mentoring.
1 Thess 5:11, 14; Heb 10:24-25; Gal 6:2
(Desire for mutual spiritual growth)

Works

Disciples are godly stewards of all that they are entrusted with.

- 10** I know my spiritual gifts, and depend on the Holy Spirit to use them for the building up of the body of Christ.
1 Cor 12; Rom 12:4-6; 1 Pet 4:10-11; Eph 4:7-16
(Use of spiritual gifts)
- 11** I am a faithful steward of all that God has entrusted me with (e.g. time, possessions, talents, family relationships, work, etc). I use the resources that God has given me to build up His kingdom, minister to the hurting and broken, and care for the last, least, and lost.
Col 3:23; Jas 1:27; Matt 25:14-30, 34-40
(Faithful stewardship)

Witness

Disciples share the good news and love of Jesus in word and deed.

- 12** I seek opportunities to share the gospel and my testimony with people around me, to love them for Jesus and pray for their salvation, invite them to follow Jesus, and connect them to church.
Matt 28:18-20; 1 Pet 3:15
(Obedience to the Great Commission and sharing the love of Jesus)
- 13** I trust God courageously with my life, my family, and my future, such that I am a living testimony for Jesus.
Josh 1:9; Josh 24:15; Prov 3:5-6; 1 Cor 16:13
(Being a living testimony for Jesus)
- 14** I remain faithful to God in the midst of hardships and personal loss, temptations, and persecution. I rejoice in all circumstances, knowing that God is in sovereign control, that my suffering is temporal, and that my eternal hope is secure.
Phil 4:4-5; Rom 8:28; 1 Pet 3:14; Matt 5:11-12; Matt 10:22
(Genuine faith and persevering witness)