

Thought for the day – Friday 12th November 2021

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Discipleship

On Sunday we talked a lot about following Jesus, as this is very important in our lives, I want to look at it again. To be a disciple of Jesus means that we are prepared to be “disciplined”, trained, and ready to follow our Master Jesus. Are we ready and able to follow Jesus? In many works of our life today, it calls for many years of dedicated training for many years, to be a craft or a trades person it requires many years of training. This is equally true to become a trained or a professional such as a barrister, a priest, or a surgeon you spend years under tutelage or pupillage. Equally to be a disciple is to come under Jesus’ tutelage and to be his pupil.

A minister, Canon David Watson in York once said a while back, that many Christians in the west have neglected what it means to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ. He said that the majority of western Christians are church members, pew- fillers, hymn singers, bible readers and even sermon tasters or Born-again Christians, but unfortunately not true disciples of Christ. And that, if we are all to become true disciples of Christ, the impact on the society will be staggering.

Whether or not he is totally right, it’s important to examine our discipleship correctly and often, and to face the truth, even if it might shock or offend us. The great Russian writer once said that “Everyone talks of changing society, but no one talks of changing themselves”. This was backed up by Che Guevara the Cuban revolutionary man.

God wants us to be generous and kind to others. God wants us to use our wealth to build the kingdom, to promote the Gospel of life and to do our utmost to bridge the gap between the rich and the poor.

Discipleship should be allowed to take over our lives because we all struggle with the same old life issues, sin, envy, jealousy, and hatred. We cannot help ourselves but to fall on our knees and call on the Holy Spirit to help us to know Jesus Christ and make him known.

Bible Reading: Luke 14. 26, 27 – 30

Prayer:

Lord fill us with the fire of the Holy Spirit and help us to repent and draw us closer to you day by day until we see you face to face in your Kingdom.
Amen.