

Thought for the day – Monday 16th May 2022

By Revd John Marshall

Bryan and books

Often at the back of the church there may be a selection of books and gospels, scriptures etc provided by Bryan. He has a great ministry in this way and the books given out at the Lambeth Country Show were some of those he provided.

I have just finished reading a book Bryan lent me;

The Radical Disciple John Stott.

He wrote it, at the college of St Barnabas, at the age of 88 in longhand.

He writes simply on aspects of being disciples of Jesus Christ, in eight chapters covering; Non-conformity, Christlikeness, Maturity, creation-care, Simplicity, Balance, Dependence and Death.

He concludes

We have considered eight characteristics of those who desire to follow Jesus, and which together form my portrait of the radical disciple: (He admits he has been selective – and encourages us to write our own list.)

“Hopefully it will be clearly biblical, but still also reflect your own culture and experience and I wish you well as you do so.

We cannot conclude better than to hear and heed the words of Jesus in the upper room. “You call me ‘Teacher and Lord’, and rightly so for that is what I am. (John 13:13)”

Basic to all discipleship is our resolve not only address Jesus with polite titles, but to follow his teaching and obey his commands.”

John Stott The Radical Disciple IVP

Bryan has also supplied “Foundations of Faith Reflections on the 39 articles”, I am looking forward to reading it.

I also refer regularly to a Gideon’s New Testament which Bryan supplied.

It is good to read the Scriptures. Thank you Bryan.