

CHOOSE TO BE A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST

Discipleship means encountering Christ in such a way that you are most willing to allow Him, Christ, The Anointed One, Our Lord and Savior, The Word of God, The Son of Man, The King of Kings, Divine Mercy, to transform your life! That means making changes!

Here we are in the middle of the Lenten season, heading towards Holy Week, the Holy Triduum and then the Easter Season. Have you become a disciple of Christ yet? Have you made the most important change you can make in your life? Who and what are you living for, your self, your spouse and kids, your community, your work, the material possessions that society claims are the only things that bring us real happiness, drugs, alcohol, sporting events, money, volunteering, politics because they get you noticed or have you finally decided to live for what Christ is offering every single one of us, ETERNAL LIFE AND TRUE HAPPINESS, LIFE WITH GOD!

That's right, true disciples change what they live for, who they live for and therefore change the way they live on a daily basis for however long God asks them to live in this world. Their focus and motivation must become, living for the Kingdom! Why? Because that's why He created us, that's why He died for us, that's why He is always willing to forgive our sins – any sins we may commit and then realize that we need to change and we need His assistance to make those changes and to be sustained in our efforts to become His disciple and to consistently live our daily life as His disciples.

Once a soul truly encounters Christ, that soul either chooses to follow Christ or chooses not to follow Christ. Some struggle to make that choice and some choose to follow Christ but continue to struggle because the pull of the world continues to be strong in their lives.

Therefore ask yourself these questions – What is the purpose of the decisions I've made during this Lenten season? Have I taken the opportunity to really encounter Christ during this Lenten season? Am I ready to become a better disciple of Christ? Am I truly willing to walk with Christ in a new way?

What are the big changes made in the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ? A desire to actively overcome sin in their life, a desire to know and embrace God's Will for one's

life, a willingness to hand ourselves over to Christ completely, and a desire to bring others to Christ that they too encounter Him and become his disciples.

Everyone who has ever been baptized has been called by God to discipleship, to conversion, to holiness and perfection. Life in this world is for the purpose of living out our discipleship with His help, in preparation for what God has planned for us in the next world. Have you accepted that invitation? Have you decided to live as a TRUE DISCIPLE OF CHRIST? If your answer is yes – persevere. If you have not answered yes, now is the time!