

## Being a Disciple of Jesus Christ=Doing Exactly What Jesus Taught

A disciple of Jesus is one who daily puts His words into practice:

John 8:31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

Given the marvelous promises and warnings of Christ, why would anyone ever want to build his life on anything else?

Matthew 7:24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: <sup>25</sup> "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: <sup>27</sup> "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

Contrary to the opinion of some, the teachings of Jesus Christ are relevant to every area of life. It is interesting that that two main problems today: anger and illicit sexual lust (enslavement to sexual fantasies) are covered consecutively in Matt. 5:21-28.

How many Christians have been invited to be disciplined by the teachings of Jesus Christ? How many have been shown how to overcome these temptations in a way that goes beyond behavior modification by transforming the heart and mind so that one naturally does exactly what Christ mandated through His easy yoke (Matt. 11:28-30)?

Christ's mandates were never designed to be mere ideals that honest Christians admit are impossible. Christ's mandates were never designed to give us a life of failure, frustration, and guilt. There is nothing that Christ taught that cannot be done. And there is nothing that Christ taught that we can do on our own.